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18 animals recovered from smugglers at city airport

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BENGALURU

The Directorate of Revenue Intelligence officers recovered 18 non-indigenous animals from three passengers at Kempegowda International Airport recently. Acting on specific intelligence, the passengers, including a woman, arriving from Bangkok at KIA on January 22 were intercepted.

An examination of their checked-in baggage, with the assistance of Karnataka Forest Department officials, resulted in the recovery of 18 non-indigenous animals (four primates and 14 reptiles). Ten of these animals were also included in Appendix II of CITES. The import of wild animals (including their parts and products) as defined in the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 (as amended from time to time) is prohibited.

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India sends notice to Pak. to amend 1960 Indus pact

Islamabad approaches court of arbitration in The Hague raising concerns over two hydropower projects in J&K; Indian officials say it goes against the pre-existing channel of dispute resolution

Suhasini Haidar
Kallol Bhattacherjee
NEW DELHI

India announced on Friday that it wants to modify the 62-year-old Indus Waters Treaty (IWT) with Pakistan, citing what it called Pakistan's "intransigence" in resolving disputes over the Kishenganga and Ratle hydropower projects, both in Jammu and Kashmir.

India also protested Pakistan's "unilateral" decision to approach a court of arbitration at The Hague.

Sources said the government had written to Pakistan on January 25, calling for modifications to the treaty as per Article XII (3) of the IWT that deals with the "final provisions" of the treaty. The first hearing of the Pakistani case at the Permanent Court of Arbitrage at The Hague in the Netherlands began on Friday, with India boycotting the court process.

The decision to issue notice to Pakistan, with a request for a response within 90 days, is a major step and could lead to the unravelling and renegotiation of the water-sharing treaty. The treaty is often seen as a rare example of India-Pakistan consensus, at a time when the two nations have snapped trade and cultural exchanges, and most bilateral talks.

The sources said Pakistan's move to push the World Bank for a Court of Arbitration ran counter to the pre-existing channel of dispute resolution through a "neutral expert" appointed by the World Bank.

Indian officials said the "parallel processes" instead of a "graded mechanism" had led to a stalemate, adding that India was left with no choice but to demand that Pakistan come to the table to negotiate amendments to the treaty. Officials declined to comment on what modifications India wanted.

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Flow of life

The Indus river system is critical to both India and Pakistan. A look at the Indus Waters Treaty of 1960

- The Indus system of rivers comprises the main river and its tributaries, namely Ravi, Beas, Sutlej, Jhelum and Chenab
- The treaty provides India absolute control of all the waters of the eastern rivers — Ravi, Sutlej and Beas
- Pakistan shall receive for unrestricted use all waters of the western rivers — Indus, Jhelum and Chenab
- India is permitted to use the waters of the western rivers for domestic use, non-consumptive use, agriculture and generation of hydro-electric power subject to certain conditions

Strong currents: The Beas flowing through Manali in Himachal Pradesh.

Rahul cites security breach in Kashmir, takes bullet-proof car

Peerzada Ashiq
SRINAGAR

As the Bharat Jodo Yatra entered the Kashmir Valley on Friday, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi said his security had been compromised, forcing him to travel by bullet-proof car to the next scheduled stop instead of walking 16 km along the highway in south Kashmir's Qazigund, as originally planned.

The J&K police, however, refuted his allegations.

"Police arrangements completely collapsed and policemen who were supposed to manage the crowd and hold the rope were nowhere to be seen. My security people were very uncomfortable with me walking further so I had to cancel my yatra [for the day]," the MP and former Congress president told journalists.

He was scheduled to walk at least 16 km on the highway in south Kashmir before reaching the next stop at Khanabal in Anantnag. After the Congress decided to call off Mr. Gandhi's on-foot yatra for the day, a senior police officer met him. Later, he and Omar Abdullah, the former J&K Chief Minister who joined the yatra at Qazigund, were shifted to a bullet-proof car.

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Rahul Gandhi during the Bharat Jodo Yatra at Banihal in Kashmir. NISSAR AHMAD

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KIA gets carbon accreditation

BENGALURU
Eight Indian airports, including Kempegowda International Airport, have been awarded the Airports Council International's Airport Carbon Accreditation in the Asia Pacific and Middle East region.
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Budget target: CM may seek review

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As Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai gets ready to present his second Budget, he is said to be not impressed with the implementation of programmes in his previous Budget. Only about 53% of the 391 announcements have been implemented so far. » PAGE 6

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Deepti Sharma (bowler) – Charlie Dean (batter) | 2022 ODI

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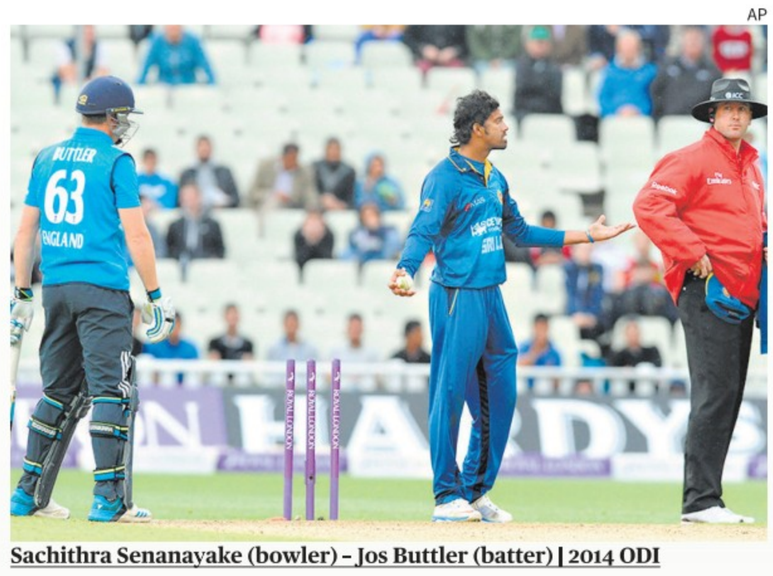

Sachithra Senanayake (bowler) – Jos Buttler (batter) | 2014 ODI

Mankading: an unnecessary moral dilemma

Running a batter out at the non-striker's end for backing up too far is a legitimate form of dismissal. Some bowlers may effect it and some may not – cricket must embrace this diversity of choice, for it adds to the game's charm, and not sit in misplaced judgement

K.C. Vijaya Kumar

Cricket remains a prisoner of its old pastoral image... It has often oscillated between its rules and the manner in which they are implemented

A sport that breaks for lunch and tea, and harks back to a genteel time of measured applause while paper napkins are discreetly used to wipe away the crumbs of cucumber sandwiches, can lend itself to excessive philosophy and a supposedly higher moral plane. Cricket inevitably became a prisoner of its old pastoral image even if Test whites now jostle with coloured clothing in the laundromat while ODIs and Twenty20s crowd the calendar and draw fans to massive stadiums.

A bored shepherd's sport played with rough-hewn logs and balls of wool in the English countryside is now a full-fledged commercial endeavour greased equally by the athlete's sweat and the corporate dollar. But the link to an unhurried time, when twitter was only associated with birds, triggers interpretations that point at the perceived 'inherent goodness' within the willow game. And the 'It is not cricket' phrase to sum up a bleak event caused by a subterfuge of morality still remains in currency.

No other sport has this all-encompassing embrace that goes beyond a ground and it is this notion that perhaps crops up at awkward times and causes an outpouring of disparate views. The act of a non-striker stepping out a wee-bit early when the bowler is in his delivery stride has happened before and will continue to happen. But the tipping point was when the aggrieved bowlers' club decided to clip the bails and appeal for a run-out, which is well within the laws drafted by the Marylebone Cricket Club.

The relevant part starts thus: "38.3.1 At any time from the moment the ball comes into play until the instant when the bowler would normally have been expected to release the ball, the non-striker is liable to be Run out if he/she is out of his/her ground. In these circumstances the non-striker will be out Run out if he/she is out of his/her ground when his/her wicket is broken by the bowler throwing the ball at the stumps or by the bowler's hand holding the ball, whether or not the ball is subsequently delivered."

So far so good and it seems like an open-and-shut case. But well, life is complicated and cricket tends to amplify that. Readers of a certain vintage may recall the 1987 World Cup held in India and Pakistan. In a crucial game against Pakistan, West Indian speedster Courtney Walsh paused in his delivery stride, his loopy eye-brows shot up, lines creased his sweaty forehead and he issued a warning to Saleem Jaffar, who had backed up excessively from the non-striker's crease.

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Easy solution: Batters have a simple way to avoid being run out before the ball is delivered: stay in their crease.

Walsh refrained from knocking down the stumps and his goodness was celebrated as it was seen to be in sync with the alleged pristine purity of cricket. A mode of dismissal, which in those days went under the Mankad moniker, was ignored and the reality was that Pakistan won that game, West Indies got eventually knocked out. If Karma was supposed to both reward and punish based on cause-and-effect, Walsh and the West Indies were strangely done in by destiny's reverse-swing.

Vinoo Mankad, who ran out Australia's straying Bill Brown at the non-striker's in Sydney during India's 1947-48 tour Down Under, got linked with this mode of dismissal and Mankading became a part of cricketing lexicon even though the term didn't have any official sanction. "He did a Mankad," was uttered across the air-waves, the words having a sense of revulsion as their base because, as mentioned earlier, cricket operated at a higher level among fluffy clouds and angels smiling from heaven.

Sunil Gavaskar often reacted sharply, saying that this was derogatory to Mankad. He saw a veiled attack on India when in fact this mode of dismissal was well within the rules. One of Mankad's sons opposed this usage while the larger Commonwealth continued to snigger because, hey, you cannot violate 'the spirit of cricket'.

The normalisation of this dismissal, despite those coy classicists berating it, finally rested on R. Ashwin. The off-spinner, aware of the cut and thrust and narrow-margins of modern cricket, was never averse to employing this mode of dismissal and, being an engineer, used sharp logic to dissect the noise around this method of sending off a restless batter.

But as talk swirls around the 'spirit of cricket', the ghosts of this much-debated run-out version always find a second life! Recently Rohit Sharma recalled Dasun Shanaka after Mohammed Shami ran the batter out in the final over of a lost cause for Sri Lanka. Rohit said that he would have preferred any other mode of dismissal to this, especially with Shanaka nearing the three-figure mark. As if on cue, the 'goodness of Rohit' was lauded on Twitter and virtue-signalling resurfaced and cricket's spirit was whispered.

Ashwin later did offer a reality check, saying Shanaka's 'run-out' was within the rules. But Mark Waugh put out a tweet against this mode of dismissal and Venkatesh Prasad countered, while the bails at the non-striker's end suffered an existential angst worsened by a needless moral dilemma. Cricket has always oscillated between its rules and the manner in which they get implemented.

R. Ashwin, aware of the cut and thrust of modern cricket, has used sharp logic to dissect the noise around this method of sending off a restless batter

Adam Gilchrist often walked if he felt he had been dismissed while fellow-Aussie Ricky Ponting believed that it was the umpire's job to adjudicate unless it was an explicit dismissal like being clean-bowled. But Gilchrist has also at times refused to walk, leaving the umpires in a quandary. There was a former wicket-keeper in Indian domestic cricket who mimicked the sound of edges and then appealed, leaving the batter perplexed and the umpire convinced.

Lozenges laced with saliva have been previously used to alter the state of the ball. Even if the pandemic put an end to the use of saliva, the fact remains that cricketers will use all kinds of methods to get an edge and extract a profit, be it runs or wickets. Worse, matches have been thrown while shady brokers lurked beyond the ropes, but fingers treading upon social media are quick to pounce upon a legitimate run-out.

So is Rohit right and Ashwin wrong? Life is never black and white and there are shades of grey and multiple interpretations. Rohit's gesture was special while Ashwin's execution of the rule is spot on. There is no right or wrong here, but we just need to accept the context in which these decisions are taken. Cricket needs to move on, accept its diverse realities instead of getting besotted with trying to be too good to be true.

The South Indian way of eating a *masala dosa* demands the usage of hands but in Mumbai, where the office-goer is racing against the clock to catch a local train, he or she finds a fork and spoon handy at Udupi joints. It saves time as hands need not be washed.

Cricket and life offer multiple options and influence the resultant decisions. Some bowlers will effect a run-out against a straying non-striker, some bowlers may not. Captains may have their own yardsticks but it all adds to the game's charm. Cricket need not always smell of talcum powder and strut around in spotless white. Let it be.

STACKING UP

ATP Men's Top 15

#	Player	Age	Points	Events
1	Carlos Alcaraz	19	6,820	17
2	Rafael Nadal	36	5,770	14
3	Casper Ruud	24	5,720	24
4	Stefanos Tsitsipas	24	5,715	23
5	Novak Djokovic	35	5,070	15
6	Andrey Rublev	25	3,930	25
7	Felix Auger-Aliassime	22	3,895	26
8	Daniil Medvedev	26	3,860	21
9	Taylor Fritz	25	3,545	22
10	Holger Rune	19	2,876	27
11	Hubert Hurkacz	25	2,860	21
12	Cameron Norrie	27	2,680	24
13	Alexander Zverev	25	2,560	18
14	Matteo Berrettini	26	2,490	19
15	Pablo Carreno Busta	31	2,420	24

Top Indians ▶

Prajnesh Gunneswaran
Rank 339 ▲ 4 spots

Sasikumar Mukund
Rank 397 ▼ 3 spots

WTA Women's Top 15

#	Player	Age	Points	Events
1	Iga Swiatek	21	11,025	17
2	Ons Jabeur	28	5,140	18
3	Jessica Pegula	28	5,000	17
4	Caroline Garcia	29	4,415	22
5	Aryna Sabalenka	24	4,340	20
6	Maria Sakkari	27	3,921	22
7	Coco Gauff	18	3,762	18
8	Daria Kasatkina	25	3,500	23
9	Veronika Kudermetova	25	2,800	21
10	Belinda Bencic	25	2,735	20
11	Danielle Collins	29	2,388	15
12	Simona Halep	31	2,381	14
13	Madison Keys	27	2,318	19
14	Beatriz Haddad Maia	26	2,255	24
15	Petra Kvitova	32	2,221	19

Top Indians ▶

Ankita Raina
Rank 258 ▲ 2 spots

Karman Thandi
Rank 270 ▼ 3 spots

English Premier League Standings

#	Team	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
1	Arsenal	19	16	2	1	45	16	29	50
2	Man. City	20	14	3	3	53	20	33	45
3	Newcastle	20	10	9	1	33	11	22	39
4	Man. United	20	12	3	5	32	25	7	39
5	Tottenham	21	11	3	7	40	31	9	36
6	Brighton	19	9	4	6	37	27	10	31
7	Fulham	21	9	4	8	32	30	2	31
8	Brentford	20	7	9	4	32	28	4	30
9	Liverpool	19	8	5	6	34	25	9	29
10	Chelsea	20	8	5	7	22	21	1	29
11	Aston Villa	20	8	4	8	23	27	-4	28
12	Crystal Palace	20	6	6	8	18	27	-9	24
13	Nott. Forest	20	5	6	9	16	35	-19	21
14	Leicester City	20	5	3	12	28	35	-7	18
15	Leeds United	19	4	6	9	26	33	-7	18
16	West Ham	20	5	3	12	17	25	-8	18
17	Wolves	20	4	5	11	12	30	-18	17
18	Bournemouth	20	4	5	11	19	42	-23	17
19	Everton	20	3	6	11	15	28	-13	15
20	Southampton	20	4	3	13	17	35	-18	15

Spanish LaLiga Standings

#	Team	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
1	Barcelona	17	14	2	1	36	6	30	44
2	Real Madrid	17	13	2	2	38	16	22	41
3	Real Sociedad	18	12	2	4	28	18	10	38
4	Atletico Madrid	18	9	4	5	27	16	11	31
5	Villarreal	18	9	4	5	21	13	8	31
6	Real Betis	17	8	4	5	19	14	5	28
7	Osasuna	18	8	4	6	18	17	1	28
8	Athletic Bilbao	18	7	5	6	25	19	6	26
9	Rayo Vallecano	18	7	5	6	24	22	2	26
10	Real Mallorca	18	7	4	7	15	16	-1	25
11	Girona	18	5	6	7	26	28	-2	21
12	Valencia	17	5	5	7	25	20	5	20
13	Espanyol	18	4	8	6	22	26	-4	20
14	Almeria	18	5	4	9	20	28	-8	19
15	Sevilla	18	4	6	8	18	26	-8	18
16	Getafe	18	4	5	9	16	25	-9	17
17	Celta Vigo	18	4	5	9	17	29	-12	17
18	Real Valladolid	18	5	2	11	13	28	-15	17
19	Cadiz	18	3	7	8	12	29	-17	16
20	Elche	18	0	6	12	12	36	-24	6

Italian Serie A Standings

#	Team	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
1	Napoli	19	16	2	1	46	14	32	50
2	AC Milan	19	11	5	3	35	24	11	38
3	Lazio	19	11	4	4	35	15	20	37
4	Inter Milan	19	12	1	6	38	25	13	37
5	Roma	19	11	4	4	25	16	9	37
6	Atalanta	19	10	5	4	37	23	14	35
7	Udinese	19	7	7	5	27	21	6	28
8	Torino	19	7	5	7	19	20	-1	26
9	Empoli	19	6	7	6	17	22	-5	25
10	Juventus*	19	11	5	3	30	15	15	23
11	Fiorentina	19	6	5	8	21	25	-4	23
12	Bologna	19	6	5	8	24	30	-6	23
13	Monza	19	6	4	9	23	28	-5	22
14	Lecce	19	4	8	7	18	22	-4	20
15	Spezia	19	4	6	9	17	30	-13	18
16	Salernitana	19	4	6	9	23	37	-14	18
17	Sassuolo	19	4	5	10	18	29	-11	17
18	Verona	19	3	3	13	17	31	-14	12
19	Sampdoria	19	2	3	14	8	32	-24	9
20	Cremonese	19	0	8	11	14	33	-19	8

* 15 points deducted after investigation into club's past transfer dealings

German Bundesliga Standings

#	Team	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
1	Bayern	17	10	6	1	51	15	36	36
2	Union Berlin	17	10	3	4	29	22	7	33
3	RB Leipzig	17	9	5	3	37	23	14	32
4	Eintracht	17	9	4	4	36	25	11	31
5	Dortmund	17	10	1	6	31	25	6	31
6	SC Freiburg	17	9	4	4	26	24	2	31
7	Wolfsburg	17	8	5	4	35	20	15	29
8	Leverkusen	17	7	3	7	30	28	2	24
9	M'gladbach	17	6	4	7	30	28	2	22
10	Cologne	17	5	6	6	29	31	-2	21
11	Werder	17	6	3	8	27	36	-9	21
12	Mainz	17	5	5	7	21	27	-6	20
13	Hoffenheim	17	5	4	8	25	27	-2	19
14	FC Augsburg	17	5	3	9	22	30	-8	18
15	Stuttgart	17	3	7	7	21	30	-9	16
16	Bochum	17	5	1	11	17	39	-22	16
17	Hertha Berlin	17	3	5	9	20	30	-10	14
18	Schalke	17	2	3	12	14	41	-27	9

Test Batting

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Marnus Labuschagne	929	937
2	Steve Smith	892	947
3	Babar Azam	862	882
4	Travis Head	841	841
5	Joe Root	826	923
6	Kane Williamson	810	919
7	Rishabh Pant	797	801
8	Usman Khawaja	770	779
9	Dimuth Karunaratne	748	782
10	Rohit Sharma	732	813

Test Bowling

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Pat Cummins	878	914
2	James Anderson	835	903
3	Jasprit Bumrah	812	835
4	R. Ashwin	812	904
5	Ollie Robinson	805	805
6	Shaheen Afridi	787	836
7	Kagiso Rabada	776	902
8	Kyle Jamieson	772	836
9	Mitchell Starc	749	806
10	Josh Hazlewood	733	863

ODI Batting

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Babar Azam	887	898
2	Rassie van der Dussen	766	796
3	Quinton de Kock	759	813
4	David Warner	747	880
5	Imam-ul-Haq	740	815
6	Shubman Gill	734	734
7	Virat Kohli	727	911
8	Steve Smith	719	752
9	Rohit Sharma	719	885
10	Jonny Bairstow	710	796

ODI Bowling

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Mohammed Siraj	729	736
2	Josh Hazlewood	727	733
3	Trent Boult	708	775
4	Mitchell Starc	665	783
5	Rashid Khan	659	806
6	Adam Zampa	655	655
7	Shakib Al Hasan	652	717
8	Shaheen Afridi	641	688
9	Mustafizur Rahman	638	695
10	Mujeeb Ur Rahman	637	712

T20I Batting

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Suryakumar Yadav	908	908
2	Mohammad Rizwan	836	875
3	Devon Conway	788	831
4	Babar Azam	778	896
5	Aiden Markram	748	796
6	Dawid Malan	719	915
7	Glenn Phillips	699	703
8	Rilee Rossouw	693	693
9	Aaron Finch	680	900
10	Alex Hales	655	866

T20I Bowling

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Rashid Khan	698	816
2	Wanindu Hasaranga	695	797
3	Adil Rashid	692	746
4	Josh Hazlewood	690	806
5	Sam Curran	688	688
6	Tabraiz Shamsi	681	821
7	Adam Zampa	678	743
8	Mujeeb Ur Rahman	677	745
9	Anrich Nortje	659	695
10	Maheesh Theekshana	643	680

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18 animals recovered from smugglers at KIA

Species which are listed in CITES (the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora) are subject to the provisions of CITES. The animals, which were being smuggled in, were seized under the provisions of the Customs Act, 1962.

A quick follow-up action with the assistance of Karnataka Forest Department officials and an officer deputed from WCCB Chennai, resulted in the recovery of another 139 animals belonging to 48 different species, including 34 CITES-listed species from a farmhouse in Bengaluru used as a place of storage of similarly smuggled wildlife.

"Neither any documents evidencing the licit import of the wildlife items nor any filings under the Ministry of Environment Forest and Climate Change (Wildlife Division), Voluntary Disclosure Scheme, till its extended deadline of March 2021 were available. However, evidence of financial transactions to source non-indigenous wildlife through the route of smuggling, buy-sell transactions on WhatsApp and other social media platforms have been unearthed," a DRI statement said.

The recovered animals include extremely rare and threatened species like Yellow and Green Anaconda, Yellow Headed Amazon Parrots, Nile Monitor, Red Foot Tortoises, Iguanas, Ball Pythons, Alligator Gar, Yaki Monkey, Veiled Chameleon, Racoon Dogs, White Headed Piones etc. They were handed over to Bannerghatta Biological Park. Four persons involved in smuggling have also been placed under arrest, so far. Further investigations into the matter are on.

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It's going to be a long wait for business as usual for Indiranagar residents, traders

Owing to white-topping work on the main roads, vehicles are moving on the interior roads, causing traffic snarls in residential areas

WHITE-TOPPING MESS

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

It has been a year since roads were dug up for white-topping and residents and traders in upscale Indiranagar are fed up with the dug-up trenches, pollution, and construction material by the roadside disrupting vehicle and pedestrian movement in the area.

The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) has undertaken white-topping work on 100 Feet Road and Chinmaya Mission Hospital (CMH) Road - both busy stretches connecting several areas in east Bengaluru with the central parts. Apart from this, the area is also one of the most popular leisure destinations in the city, attracting people to its pubs, restaurants and shopping destinations.

Several residents have questioned the need for the project in the area. Prathiksha Kumar, a resident of HAL 2nd Stage of Indiranagar, said, "It has become unbearable to take any stretch in Indiranagar due to the construction work for a long time now. I have to take multiple roads to reach various parts of the area. Wherever I go, the road is blocked for one or the other work."

Civic work along with road white-topping work under way on 100 Ft. Road and surrounding arterial roads in Indiranagar. K. MURALI KUMAR

Since the white-topping work is going on the main roads, vehicles are moving on the interior roads, which is also leading to traffic snarls and disturbance to the residential areas. "The work has been in progress for nearly one year and it is causing chaos in Indiranagar. Since all the roads have been left incomplete without proper siding and white-topping, it is causing a lot of traffic snarls. Many vehicles are taking roads in residential areas where the vehicle movement is creating traffic and disturbance to residents," complained Muralidhara Murthy, a resident of Indiranagar.

Residents also blamed the BBMP for not completing the project soon. "The BBMP is not paying enough attention to our plight. The white-topping was not at all necessary on this stretch as the road was in good condition earlier," Mr. Murthy added.

While the residents are facing several issues due to the road work, businesses in the area have also been affected, said various shopkeepers. "After the work started in the area, we are seeing fewer customers in our hotel. Apart from this, parking is a big issue for both residents and traders," said Harish Kumar, a restaurant owner on 100 feet road. "There is no space for parking outside the shop and potential customers, seeing the dug up pavements in front of the shop, tend to not come. It is affecting our business. For the last several months, our hotel is under loss due to the white-topping work," Mr. Harish Kumar added.

Meanwhile, a traffic police official said that the civic body is not completing the work as there is a shortage of materials for the white-topping work. "From the last few days, work is not happening. When we asked the civic body, they told us there is a shortage of a few construction materials which is leading to delay in the project. We are also requesting them to complete the project soon so that the traffic issue can be solved," the police official said.However, BBMP officials denied the allegation and said there is no shortage of materials and added that work will be completed soon. "Most of the work is done and in a few more days, the road will be opened to motorists," a BBMP official from east division said.

Ongoing civic work at Gandhi Bazaar

Meanwhile, Gandhi Bazaar main road has been dug up on both sides for various civic works, which has led to a mess in the area, especially shoppers managing a dangerous balancing act over the mound of debris and dirt.Street vendors, who depend on the sales they conduct on the road for their livelihood, have also been hit by the ongoing work as the footpaths are gone."We are losing business from the past several months due to the civic work. Despite complaining about the delayed work to BBMP, no one cares," said a shopkeeper from Gandhi Bazaar.

Motorists, residents affected in R.R. Nagar

TenderSure work in progress by BBMP at BEML layout, on Rajarajeshwari Nagar Police Station Road. K. MURALI KUMAR

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

White-topping work taken up on BEML Layout Road in Rajarajeshwarinagar (R.R. Nagar) has been causing inconvenience to motorists and residents in the areas surrounding it.

Prasanth Kumar, a resident of R.R. Nagar said, "The BEML road is an important stretch that connects most of the residents of R.R. Nagar. The work is going on at a snail's pace from the last three months and the traffic is also increasing due to the slow work. During peak hours, when there is movement of buses, it is difficult to ride."

Residents also complained the work has disrupted the BMTC bus movement. "After the road work started, the BMTC buses are taking alternative routes, due to which passengers are confused and don't know where the bus stop is. Pedestrians also cannot walk on the stretches as the TenderSure work has also been taken up by the BBMP at the same time," Sandesh, a resident of R.R. Nagar said.

Many traders are against the idea of white-topping and called it unnecessary on the stretch. Kiran, a vendor on the BEML Layout Road, said from the last several months, businesses are under loss because of the civic works. Meanwhile, BBMP officials said the slow pace of execution of the work is due to the shifting of underground drainage pipelines and the work will be completed soon.

Khadi Mela

Stalls at Khadi Mela at Palace Grounds in Bengaluru on Friday. SUDHAKARA JAIN

Post offices in IT capital are not so digital yet

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

If you have visited a post office, chances are that you might have struggled for change while buying stamps or paying for registered posts. While there is a strong push everywhere towards digital transactions, post offices seem to be lagging far behind. Even though QR codes have been provided by the India Post, staff often do not accept digital payments citing logistical reasons.

The General Post Office (GPO), the biggest in the city, is no exception, according to frequent visitors. "I had been to GPO to get franking (postage printing) for around 60 registered posts I had to send out. While the process went by smoothly, I was under the impression that I could do a digital payment. However, the staff later informed me that they do not accept digital payment and I had to run to the nearest ATM to draw cash," said Vijay Kumar, a businessman.

At another post office in Thippasandra, a customer was forced to buy more stamps simply because the staff did not have change or digital payment modes. Some post offices do accept digital payments for deposits in savings bank accounts or insurance premium payments. The problem of change is mostly for smaller transactions, as the staff say it gets difficult to keep track of online payments when there are more customers. "It becomes difficult to keep track of whether the transaction has been completed or not in the case of digital payments," said an officer at Vimanapura post office. Another officer at the same post office said the fear of online scams keeps them from fully embracing the digital payment system.

S. Rajendra Kumar, Chief Post Master General (CPMG), Karnataka Circle, said customers can raise complaints if digital transactions are not accepted at post offices. "If an issue is raised, we will look into it. Currently, the process of digital payments is a little time-consuming and we are working on reducing this time period. We will take more steps to ensure that digital transactions happen in all post offices," he said.

(With inputs from Vidhatri C.H. and Donata John)

HC quashes criminal case against man for sharing social media post

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The High Court of Karnataka has quashed a criminal case registered against a person for allegedly provoking Indian soldiers by insulting them and creating enmity among the people by sharing a Facebook post purportedly containing a conversation of a Pakistani soldier with a woman.

Both the chargesheet filed by the police as well as the cognisance of offences taken by the magistrate court were set aside by the High Court by holding that the police had failed to take prior sanction under Section 196 of the Code of Criminal Procedure for prosecuting the accused persons under Section 505(1)(a), 505 (1)(b), and 505(2) of the Indian Penal Code.

Justice V. Srishananda passed the order while allowing a petition filed by 39-year-old K.M. Basha, a resident of Manvi in Raichur district.

Meanwhile, the High Court gave liberty to the police to investigate the matter afresh as per the law, and if sufficient materials are found in such investigation, the investigating agency is at liberty to file necessary chargesheet and proceed as per the law.

The criminal case against the petitioner was registered based on a complaint lodged by a sub-inspector of police in October 2020, alleging that sharing such post would amount to insulting the soldiers of India, resulting in demoralising them and also disturbing the peace and tranquillity of society. The conversation posted by the petitioner contained praise for Pakistan, the complaint had alleged.

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My client **Sri. Kiran Kumar. S,** aged about 37 years, S/o Sri. Seshireddy. T, Residing at No. 62 & 63, Saptagiri Nilaya, 1st Cross, Patel Kempaiah Layout, Chokkasandra, Bengaluru North, Bengaluru-560 057, is intending to purchase the schedule property from one **Smt. Kamala** W/o Sri. Ramanjini, aged about 47 years, Residing at No. 34 & 35, 1st Cross, Shettyhalli Main Road, Ramaiah Compound, Mallasandra, Bengaluru - 560 057 who claims to be the absolute owner of the schedule property.

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The remaking of Jelena Ostapenko

The Latvian has struggled since her 2017 Roland Garros triumph. But she has worked hard to piece her game back together. And as she showed in Melbourne, her big-hitting style can take her deep in Grand Slams – and perhaps even fulfil her ambition of winning another Major

Reuters
Agence France-Presse

When Jelena Ostapenko ruthlessly beat the resistance out of a valiant Simona Halep in the 2017 Roland Garros final, it seemed as if the future of women's tennis had arrived.

The Latvian's free-swinging game swept all before her that fortnight, as she became the first unseeded player to win the title since 1933. The breathtaking power and startling fearlessness of her stroke-making reminded many observers of Monica Seles' breakthrough triumph as a teenager in Paris back in 1990 – a defining moment in the game's history – with some even prophesying that Ostapenko's victory marked the birth of another storied career.

Judged by those lofty levels, a quarterfinal run in the Australian Open six years later appears underwhelming. But Ostapenko, who won the French Open two days after turning 20, has struggled to replicate the form and consistency of those heady Parisian days. She was written off as a 'one-Slam wonder' for failing to make an impression at the Majors – before Melbourne this year she hadn't made it past the round-of-16 since Wimbledon in 2018.

Still a contender

But over the last fortnight, Ostapenko showed enough to suggest that she can still be a contender. The 25-year-old emerged from four years in the Grand Slam wilderness and announced her return to the big time with a power-hitting clinic against American seventh seed Coco Gauff in the fourth round. Although beaten by the big-serving Elena Rybakina in the last eight, Ostapenko was often imperious in Melbourne, blasting winners at will.

Ostapenko's performance against Gauff – someone who might have reminded her of her past, given that the 18-year-old is tipped to have a very successful career – offered a reminder of just why the Latvian remains an opponent no one enjoys facing.

The win – Ostapenko's first over a top-10 player at a Grand Slam in three years – was powered by the steam of 30 winners. What Gauff said after the match was instructive.

"I think every loss is somewhat in my control because I do feel like I'm a good player, but today she just played better," said Gauff, runner-up to Iga Swiatek at the French Open last June. "There were moments in the match where I was getting frustrated because I normally can problem-solve but today I feel like I didn't have many answers. There were balls I was hitting deep and she was hitting them on the line and hitting them back deep, like, over and over again."

This sense of not being in control, of the match essentially resting on Ostapenko's racquet, is a formidable challenge to overcome. Only a few players have the ability to create this threat, and Ostapenko recognises the importance of not diluting her high-risk-high-reward style.

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"I always believed in my game," she said. "If I play well, I can beat almost anyone. I was working on my consistency in the pre-season. But I know I have to play aggressive, even if I miss some balls, because I take time away from the opponents, which makes me [a] more dangerous player. I have to be aggressive because that's what the opponents don't like."

It's something Ostapenko has struggled with during the lean, injury-hit years that followed her Roland Garros title – maintaining a relentlessly aggressive style requires a fearless mindset, so strikingly evident in her maiden Major triumph but not consistently seen since then. Indeed, back in 2019, she confessed to being "very different to how I was in 2017, I used to be so fearless. Now I have so many thoughts in my head, and it's hard to be fearless like that".

The expectations that came with the sudden success have contributed to this; when you are expected to win all the time, the fear of failure can shackle the mind, as Ostapenko admitted.

"My life changed a lot, everybody expected you to win every single tournament, which is crazy, because you are still a human and you cannot feel great every day," she said of the expectation placed on her young shoulders as Latvia's first – and only – Grand Slam champion

"You become more popular in your country. Everybody is watching you. Of course it's great, but I needed some time to get used to it because I was really young. I'm an emotional person in general. So it's always hard to find this balance."

Ostapenko has also had to deal with personal tragedy as she sought to claw her way back into the elite after dropping outside the top 40 in 2019. Three years ago, as she was preparing to play her first tournament of the season in Auckland, building up to the 2020 Australian Open, she lost her father Jevgenijs. Poignantly, he had told her that he wanted to see her win a Major again while driving her to the airport for her flight to Auckland. Those are words she has held close to her heart during her quest to play at the level she believes she can.

For, when she puts it all together, she can be unbeatable. She proved it at last year's star-studded WTA 500 event in Dubai, which featured eight of the world's top 10. Ostapenko conquered four Grand Slam champions – Sofia Kenin, Iga Swiatek, Petra Kvitova and Halep – on route to the title, one of four singles crowns she has claimed since the 2017 French Open.

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Former Wimbledon champion Marion Bartoli, who has coached her, spoke of how hard Ostapenko has worked to improve her skill and mindset.

"When I started with her, she was ranked 90," Bartoli told Tennis Majors. "So first, it was about giving her that confidence back, then building back a part of her game that was already a strength, then a little bit of technical work on her serve to give her more confidence in the stroke. Then tactical, because she has so much firepower that sometimes she has too many tactical options. Just to make it simple for her so she could rely on that constantly."

Ostapenko has endured dark moments, but now she may be seeing a glimmer of light. Her quarterfinal appearance in Australia is an indication that she only needs to find something approaching her best over a Grand Slam fortnight to enter the title picture.

Asked in Melbourne if she had ever thought a second Major title was beyond her, Ostapenko said, "I honestly haven't really doubted it. I'm still young so I still have time and honestly I can do well on all surfaces."

So what's next for the 25-year-old? "I'm just more hungry now to win another Grand Slam," said Ostapenko, "and to be back in the top 10."

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GAME THEORY

The fastest women over 400 metres

We take a look at the best times set in the women's 400m, as recognised by World Athletics, the sport's international governing body. Shaunae Miller-Uibo's gold-winning mark of 48.36s at the Tokyo Olympics is the fastest this decade.

Marita Koch

Jarmila Kratochvilova

Salwa Eid Naser

Mark (seconds)	Athlete	Venue	Date
47.60	Marita Koch	Canberra	06 Oct 1985
47.99	Jarmila Kratochvilova	Helsinki	10 Aug 1983
48.14	Salwa Eid Naser	Doha	03 Oct 2019
48.16	Marita Koch	Athens	08 Sep 1982
48.16	Marita Koch	Prague	16 Aug 1984
48.22	Marita Koch	Stuttgart	28 Aug 1986
48.25	Marie-Jose Perec	Atlanta	29 Jul 1996
48.26	Marita Koch	Dresden	27 Jul 1984
48.27	Olga Bryzgina	Canberra	06 Oct 1985
48.36	Shaunae Miller-Uibo	Tokyo	06 Aug 2021
48.37	Shaunae Miller-Uibo	Doha	03 Oct 2019
48.45	Jarmila Kratochvilova	Prague	23 Jul 1983
48.59	Tatana Kocembova	Helsinki	10 Aug 1983
48.60	Marita Koch	Turin	04 Aug 1979
48.60	Olga Bryzgina	Moscow	17 Aug 1985
48.61	Jarmila Kratochvilova	Rome	06 Sep 1981
48.63	Cathy Freeman	Atlanta	29 Jul 1996
48.65	Olga Bryzgina	Seoul	26 Sep 1988
48.70	Sanya Richards-Ross	Athens	16 Sep 2006
48.73	Tatana Kocembova	Prague	16 Aug 1984

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Ski and shoot

This photograph presents a general view of the women's 12.5 km mass start event at the IBU Biathlon World Cup in Ruhpolding, Germany, earlier this month.

Biathlon is a winter sport, with roots in Scandinavian skiing practices and Norwegian military training. It's a combination of cross-country skiing and rifle-shooting. The mass start event, added to the Olympic program in 2006, involves five loops of skiing (each 2.5km, for women) and four shooting stops in this order: prone, prone, standing, standing.

At each stop, athletes must hit five targets with five bullets. For each target missed, competitors take a lap around the 150-metre penalty loop. The first across the finish line is the winner.

The World Cup is one of biathlon's premier competitions, a season-long series running from November to March.

Ruhpolding — an "idyllic Bavarian village, populated by contented-looking milk cows", according to the event's official website — hosts the fifth of ten rounds (the World Championships forms a part of the series, as well). The athlete with the most points at the end of the season is awarded the Big Crystal Globe Trophy.

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Shri Amit Shah

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- **To facilitate and promote academic learning in forensic science in conjunction with applied behavioural science studies, law, etc.**
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- **Coordinate with the Central Government and State Governments to improve investigation, crime detection and prevention through projects and research.**

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- State **Forensic Science Laboratory's** advanced facility built at a cost of **Rs. 30 crore** in Bengaluru was inaugurated in 2020.
- Due to the special attention given to increasing the capability of forensic science laboratories in the state, pending cases have **come down by 42%** annually.
- Recruitment of **54 scientific officers** and **40 other technical staff** in 2021
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- Sanctioning of **two state-of-the-art forensic science laboratories** in **Ballari** and **Hubballi.** Both became operational in 2022.
- **Rs. 5.6 crore** grant for construction of buildings to improve the **infrastructure** of regional forensic science laboratories
- To start **two more forensic science laboratories** in the state in **Tumakuru** and **Shivamogga**

Priority to Development of North Karnataka

Irrigation, Drinking Water Projects

- **Rs. 5,000 crore** for the implementation of UKP 3rd Stage, North Karnataka's ambitious project
- **Rs. 1,000 crore** reserved for the Kalasa-Banduri project
- **Rs. 1,110.70 crore** sanctioned for irrigation projects of Aurad and Bhalki taluks in Bidar
- Grants for providing irrigation facility to **50,000 acres** in Yadgir
- Administrative Approval to **Rs. 525 crore Kerur Lift Irrigation project,** which provides irrigation to **46,950 acres** in Badami and Bilagi Taluks
- **Rs.1,356.95 crore provided for various tank filling projects in Haveri District.**

Education

- Yadgir's dream to have a Medical College is now a reality. Sanction accorded for **150-seat medical college.**
- Fulfilled demand for establishing an **agricultural college** at Krishi Vignana Kendra, Hagari, Ballari
- **Rs. 150 crore** for converting government schools into smart classrooms in Kalyana Karnataka

Railway Projects

- Construction of new **Dharwad-Kittur-Belagavi** rail route at **Rs. 927.40 crore**
- **Rs. 600 crore** reserved for the **Gadag-Yalvigi** rail project

Industry, Creation of Employment

- Establishment of **FMCG cluster** in Dharwad. **183 acres** of land reserved for this purpose. Expected to create more than **20,000 employment opportunities.**
- Steps to develop clusters for Kasuthi in Dharwad, Kaudi traditional craft and Kinnal toys in Koppal, Navalgund durries, and saree making in **Ilakal**, Guledgudda, Belagavi and Shahapura
- Approval from the Centre to set up a **huge textile park** in Kalaburagi district
- Mega Dairy in Haveri at **Rs. 70 crore.** Works of the textile park in Shiggaon flagged off.

Health

- **Rs. 250 crore** for establishing the Regional Centre of Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences and Research in **Hubballi**
- **Rs. 50 crore for setting up Kidwai Cancer Centre in Belagavi.**
- Establishment of **Regional Cancer Hospital in Kalaburagi**
- Steps to upgrade 310-bed hospital in **Ballari** into a **510-bed hospital** at **Rs. 72.50 crore**

Other Development Works

- **Rs. 464 crore** worth of development works launched in Vijayanagara District
- Grants for Kalyana Karnataka Development Board increased from **Rs. 1,500 crore to Rs. 3,000 crore**
- Plans are afoot to start an industrial area in Badami Taluk, Bagalkot District
- **Cold storage Unit** at **Rs. 35 crore** in Vijayapura to help grape farmers
- **Rs. 120 crore** for the development of Anjanadri Hill in Koppal

Airport, Tourism

- **400 acres** reserved in Raichur for Airport. **Rs.182 crore** allocated.
- **Rs. 40 crore** for Airport in Koppal
- Additional grant for upgrading Airport in Vijayapura into Airbus-320 Airport
- Construction of Green-Field Airport in Raichur at **Rs. 150 crore**
- **Hampi-Badami-Aihole-Pattadakallu-Vijayapura** Tourism circle formed to encourage tourism. Works for all round development flagged off.

As enshrined in our Constitution, - to safeguard public property and to abjure violence is the fundamental duty of every citizen of India.

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Christ University fest DAKSH opens with huge response

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Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal speaking via a video link at Daksh 2023 in Bengaluru on Friday.
SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Aimed at helping students stepping out of pre-university to make informed choices for higher education and careers, Christ's (Deemed to be University) annual education and career guidance fest DAKSH opened to a huge response at Christ University Central Campus, Hosur Road, on Friday. It will go on till January 28 between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m.

The event showcased the available range of undergraduate, postgraduate, and doctoral opportunities, and their career prospects, with additional insights from industry experts and career counsellors. Over 90 stalls packed with information, live experiments, courses, career options designed to guide students and parents and give them clarity on their higher education or career opportunities have been set up.

Union Minister Piyush Goyal, who joined virtually and spoke on the 'Role of youth in sustainable nation development,' said: "An event like DAKSH is the window to new opportunities to the young minds. Bengaluru is the silicon valley of India and we could see it as a truly emerging power, particularly in the service sector and in the fields of technology and startups. Across the world, countries are looking at working more and more with India. We can possibly help in providing the ecosystem and try to motivate some of you, but we can help also in terms of business, de-criminalising laws and ensuring adequate availability of technology like digital connectivity, improve skills and trying to strengthen the economy."

Dr. Fr. Abraham. V.M, Vice Chancellor of the University said the National Education Policy (NEP)-2020 emphasised on the quality education and skill development and as a university, they offer a wide range of programmes and courses that align with the objectives of the NEP.

> My daughter is studying II PU Commerce and she wants to join the BBM course at Christ University. Her career opportunities are our main concern. I got information about commerce courses after coming here
>
> **MADHUSUDHAN**
> parent

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>
> **ANUPAMA PAWAR**
> parent

Marks card racket: 5 institutions raided

Police seize 6,800 fake marks cards, 22 laptops and computers, and 13 phones

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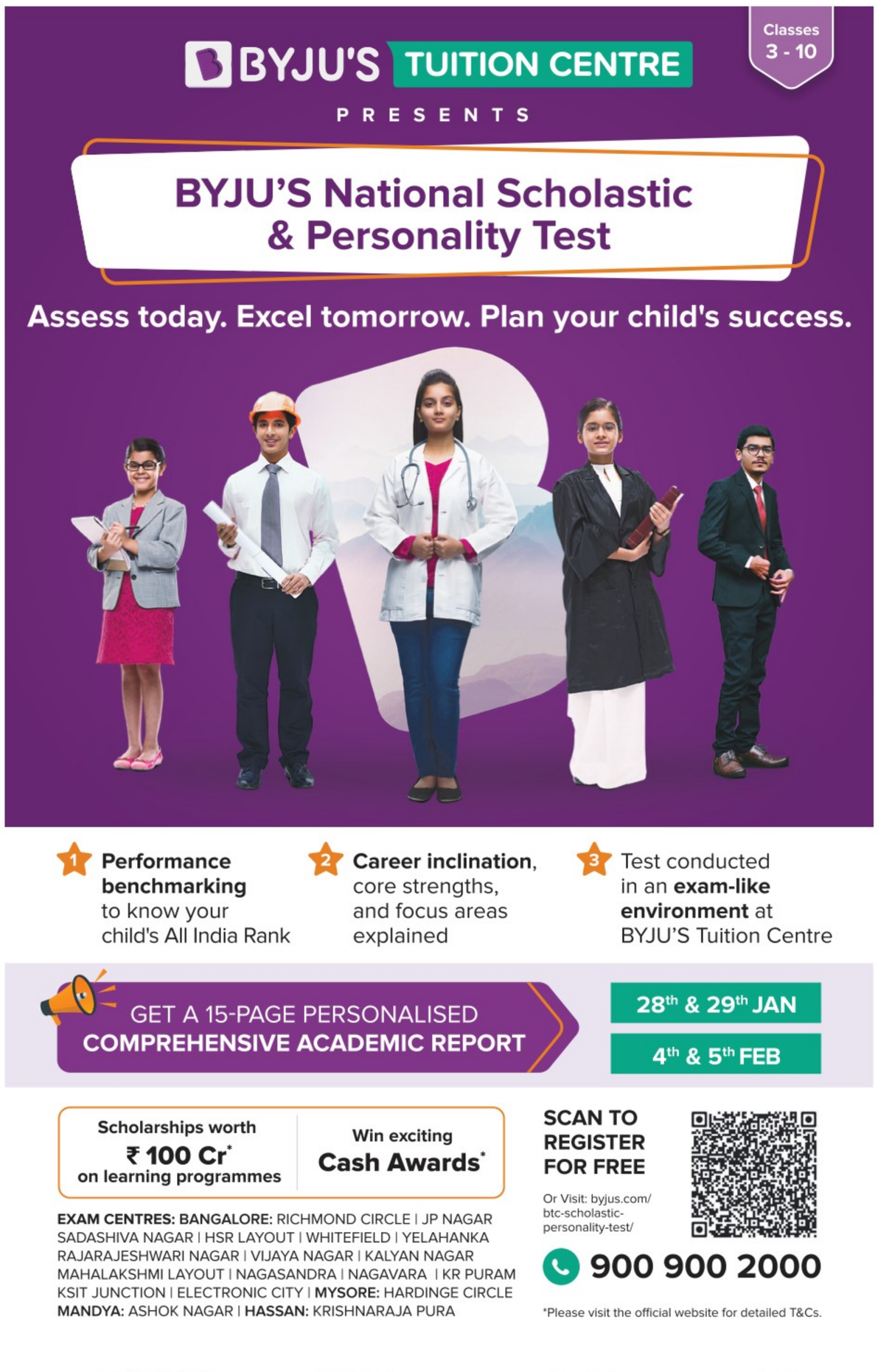
Central Crime Branch (CCB) sleuths raided five institutions that were allegedly running a fake marks card racket, and seized over 6,000 fake marks sheets of reputed universities in India. The CCB had received several complaints in recent days. A police probe into the marks card racket led to five institutions from various parts of Bengaluru that are believed to be involved in the racket. Police raided New Quest Technologies at Rajajinagar, Ssystem Quest at J.P. Nagar, Aarohi Institute in Chandrappa Layout, Vishwa Jyothi College at Dasarahalli and Benaka Correspondence College at Vijayanagar. They seized 6,800 fake marks cards of various universities, 22 laptops and computers, and 13 mobile phones.

On January 27, a CCB police official said that an accused has been taken into custody for investigation. "We have arrested a person, identified as Vikas Bhagat, who was involved in the racket. The accused has been involved in the racket for many years. As per our preliminary investigation, the five institutions were giving graduation marks cards of reputed universities for fees ranging from ₹25,000 to ₹35,000," the official said.

Sale of meat banned in Yelahanka from Jan. 30 to Feb. 20

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) on Friday issued an order banning the sale and distribution of meat from January 30 to February 20 in the Yelahanka zone in view of the upcoming Aero India 2023 show. This is aimed at preventing bird hits during the airshow.



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T. Chowdaiah Road, Kumara Park West, Bengaluru - 560 020

No.: BDA/EE-South/Works/T-02/2022-23 Date: 27.01.2023

CORRIGENDUM TO SHORT-TERM TENDER

Tender was invited vide No. BDA/EE-South/Works/T-02/2022-23 dated 18.01.2023 and published in this newspaper on 21.01.2023 related to works of Development of Roads and creation of Infrastructure facilities to layouts in the limits of South Division, BDA.

Corrigendum: Indent No. of work for Sl. No. 1 of the said tender Notice should be read as 1537 instead of 1527. And the schedule dates have changes and the changed dates are published in e-procurement. For further details login to **http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** or contact e-procurement help desk on 080-46010000/22631200.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, South Division, B.D.A., Bengaluru.

BANGALORE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORT CORPORATION

Central Offices: K.H. Road, Shantinagar, Bengaluru-560 027.

No.: BMTC/CO/COSP/TENDER/15/2022-23 Date: 27.01.2023

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Tender is invited through e-procurement portal for the following items.

Sl. No.	Tender No. & Date	Description	Tender Value Approximate (Rs. In Lakhs)	Last date for bid submission in e-procurement portal
		Regular Tender		
1	BMTC/2022/050 Date.27.01.2023	Providing Call Centre Services to BMTC.	149.00	03.03.2023 at 14.30 Hrs
2	BMTC/2022/051 Date.27.01.2023	Procurement of Volvo Zar Flooring Mat.	25.00	28.02.2023 at 14.30 Hrs

*For more details visit **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- CONTROLLER OF STORES AND PURCHASES (Tender Inviting Authority)

PUBLIC NOTICE

The following **Share Certificate of Titan Company Limited** have been lost any objection of issuance to the Duplicate Share should be registered with the company within 15 days with proof of. Registered office at **3, SIPCOT INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX HOSUR 635126, BANGALURU**.

FOLIO NO.	DIST. NO. FROM	DIST.NO. TO	SHARES	NAME OF THE SHAREHOLDERS
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Place: Mumbai / Date : 28-01-2023

Sd/- VISHNU RAJ KAPOOR ABHA KAPOOR

KALOJI NARAYANA RAO UNIVERSITY OF HEALTH SCIENCES, TELANGANA, WARANGAL

NOTIFICATION FOR ON-LINE APPLICATIONS FOR MD (HOMOEO) COURSES

Applications online are invited from **AIAPGET-2022** qualified candidates for admission into MD (Homoeo) courses for 2022-23 in **Private Homoeopathic Medical College affiliated to KNRUHS** under. **1. Management Quota, 2. All India Quota.** For detailed notifications refer to KNRUHS website: **www.knruhs.telangana.gov.in Date: 26-01-2023**

DIPR No.: 11833-PP/CL/ADVT/1/2022-23, Dt.:26-01-2023 **Sd/- REGISTRAR**

Government of Karnataka

Minor Irrigation and Ground Water Development Department
Office of the Executive Engineer Minor Irrigation and Ground Water Development Department Division Koppal.
Phone & Fax No : 08539-220054 email: eemidnkst@rediffmail.com

No:EE/MI&GWDD/Koppal/PB/TP/2022-23/390 Dated: 25-01-2023

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER

The Executive Engineer, Minor Irrigation and Ground Water Development Department Division Koppal invites tenders from the eligible tenderers registered civil contractors as per standard bid documents on E-procurement portal for **06** no of Package tender works pertaining to Raichur district. The approximate amount put to tender for the mentioned work of Minimum of **Rs. 5.14 Lakhs** and Maximum amount of **Rs. 61.23 lakhs.** The tenderers may submit tenders for the mentioned work through E-procurement portal only. **One cover and Two cover** tender procedure as per rule 28 of the KTTP act shall be followed.

For more information the contractor can contact the under signed during office hours and all information regarding tenders can be had from website http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in. The tender documents can be downloaded from the above website address on or after **30-01-2023.** Last date & time for receipt of tender is **14-02-2023 time 17.30 hours,** pre bid meeting will be held on **09-02-2023 time 11.00 hours** at this office. Date & time for opening of technical bid **16-02-2023 time 11.00 hours,** date and time for opening of financial bid **17-02-2023 time 11.00 hours** (If technical bid sanction is accorded by the competent authority).

Sd/- **Executive Engineer**
Minor Irrigation and
Ground Water Development
Department Division Koppal.

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UBP Division No. 3, Ajjampura

NO: EE/VJNL/UBP/D-03/Ajjampura/PB-1/Tender notification/2022-23/1027 Dated:25.01.2023

SHORT TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through E- Procurement)

Percentage tender through e portal for the SCP works under two cover system is invited by the Executive Engineer, VJNL, UBP, Division No. 03 Ajjampura on behalf of the Managing Director, Visvesvaraya Jala Nigam Ltd, from the registered contractors with valid KPWD Contractors who fulfills the pre-qualification conditions for 01 nos of SCP works. The Contractors can download and submit the completed bid documents through e-procurement website www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in from 30.01.2023 to 06.02.2023 upto 17.30 hours. Details such as Amount put to tender/ EMD amount/ qualification of Bidders/ Tender conditions/Tender processing fee etc can be obtained throughe-procurement or from the office of the under signed during the office hours upto 06.02.2023 (17.30 hours). The tender will be opened on 08.02.2023 at 11.30 hours at the office of the Executive Engineer, VJNL, UBP, Division No. 03 Ajjampura through e-procurement. The date of opening of two cover system Financial Bid will be intimated to the Technical Qualified bidders

Sd/ Executive Engineer,
VJNL, UBP, Division No.03 Ajjampura

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ಅರಣ್ಯ ಸಂರಕ್ಷಣಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳ ಕಚೇರಿ, ಕಾರ್ಯಯೋಜನೆ, ಧಾರವಾಡ.

ದೂರವಾಣಿ: **0836-2748522** ಇ-ಮೇಲ್: cfwpsdwd@aranya.gov.in

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ಇ-ಟೆಂಡರ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ / 2022-23 ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರಮೆಂಟ್ ಮೂಲಕ

ಉಪ ಅರಣ್ಯ ಸಂರಕ್ಷಣಾಧಿಕಾರಿ, ಕಾರ್ಯಯೋಜನೆ, ಧಾರವಾಡ ಇವರ ಕಚೇರಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರಸಕ್ತ 2022-23ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಹೆಸರು ನೋಂದಾಯಿಸಿದ ಅರ್ಹ ಹಾಗೂ ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಯಿಂದ ನೋಂದಾಯಿಸಲ್ಪಟ್ಟ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ ಈ ಕೆಳಗೆ ನಮೂದಿಸಿದ ಕೆಲಸಕ್ಕೆ ದ್ವಿ-ಲಕೋಟೆ ಪದ್ಧತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಇ-ಟೆಂಡರನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು ಇ-ಆಡಳಿತ ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಅಥವಾ ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್: www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in ನಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಿದಂತೆ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಹಾಗೂ ಇನ್ನುಳಿದ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಖಚಿತಪಡಿಸಿಕೊಂಡು ಟೆಂಡರಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಭಾಗವಹಿಸಬಹುದು. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳಿಗೆ ಈ ಕಚೇರಿಯಿಂದ ಕಚೇರಿ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾಹಿತಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು.

2022-23ನೇ ಸಾಲಿಗೆ ಯಲ್ಲಾಪುರ ವಿಭಾಗದ ಮಂಚಿಕೇರಿ ವಲಯಗಳ ವಿವಿಧ ಹಳ್ಳಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಕಾಯ್ದಿಟ್ಟ / ರಕ್ಷಿತ ಅರಣ್ಯ ಪ್ರದೇಶದ ಗಡಿ ಮೋಜಣಿ ಮಾಡಿ ಸದರಿ ಸ್ಥಳಗಳಲ್ಲಿ 1.50ಮೀ. X 0.25ಮೀ. X 0.25ಮೀ. ಅಳತೆಯ ಆರ್.ಸಿ.ಸಿ. ಪಿಲ್ಲರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ತಯಾರಿಸಿಕೊಂಡು ಅಳವಡಿಸುವುದು ಹಾಗೂ ಸದರಿ ಆರ್.ಸಿ.ಸಿ. ಪಿಲ್ಲರಿನ ಭೂಮಿಯ ಮೇಲ್ಭಾಗದಲ್ಲಿ ಇರುವ ಎಲ್ಲಾ ಬದಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಬಣ್ಣ ಹಚ್ಚುವ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗೆ ವಿವರ ಈ ಕೆಳಗಿನಂತೆ,

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ವಿಶೇಷ ಸೂಚನೆ:- ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು ಮೋಜಣಿ ಮಾಡಿ ಪ್ರತಿ ಕಿ.ಮೀ.ಗೆ 07 (ಏಳು) ರಂತೆ ಆರ್.ಸಿ.ಸಿ. ಪಿಲ್ಲರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ತಯಾರಿಸಿಕೊಂಡು ಅಳವಡಿಸತಕ್ಕದ್ದು. ಸಂಕ್ಷಿಪ್ತ ಇ-ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಭಾಗವಹಿಸಲು ಇಚ್ಛಿಸುವ ಟೆಂಡರದಾರರು ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಫಾರ್ಮಗಳನ್ನು ದಿನಾಂಕ:**04-02-2023**ರ ತನಕ ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಡೌನಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳಬಹುದು ಹಾಗೂ ದಿನಾಂಕ:**05-02-2023**ರ ಮಧ್ಯಾಹ್ನ **04:00** ಘಂಟೆವರೆಗೆ ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟನಲ್ಲಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಬಹುದು. ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ದಿನಾಂಕ:**06-02-2023**ರಂದು ಮಧ್ಯಾಹ್ನ **04:15** ಘಂಟೆಯ ನಂತರ ಹಾಗೂ ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ದಿನಾಂಕ:**07-02-2023** ರಂದು ಮಧ್ಯಾಹ್ನ **04:30** ಘಂಟೆಯ ನಂತರ ತೆರೆಯಲಾಗುವುದು. ಆ ದಿವಸವು ಆಕಸ್ಮಿಕವಾಗಿ ಸರಕಾರ ರಜೆ ಎಂದು ಘೋಷಿಸಲ್ಪಟ್ಟಲ್ಲಿ ಅಥವಾ ಏನಾದರೂ ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಸಮಸ್ಯೆಗಳು ಬಂದಲ್ಲಿ ಮರು ಕಚೇರಿ ಕೆಲಸದ ದಿನದಂದು ತೆರೆಯಲಾಗುವದು. ಸದರಿ ಇ-ಟೆಂಡರ 2ನೇ ಭಾರಿ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಮಾಡಿರುವುದರಿಂದ ಯಾರೂ ಟೆಂಡರದಾರರು ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಭಾಗವಹಿಸದಿದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ ಅಥವಾ ಸಿಂಗಲ್ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಆಗಿದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ, ಮರು ಇ-ಟೆಂಡರನ್ನು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಅವಕಾಶವಿರುವುದಿಲ್ಲ.

ಸಹಿ/- ಉಪ ಅರಣ್ಯ ಸಂರಕ್ಷಣಾಧಿಕಾರಿ ಹಾಗೂ
ಅರಣ್ಯ ಸಂರಕ್ಷಣಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು, ಕಾರ್ಯಯೋಜನೆ,
ಇವರ ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಸಹಾಯಕರು, ಧಾರವಾಡ.

ವಾ.ಸಾ.ಇ/ಧಾ/1020/2022-23/ದೇಶಪಾಂಡೆಪಬ್ಲಿಸಿಟಿ

Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike

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NO: EE/PC-1/TEND/14/2022-23 Date 27.01.2023

INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT)

(Short Term Tender Notification)(Through e-Procurement Portal GoK website: https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in only)

The Executive Engineer (Project Central-1), on behalf of the Chief Commissioner. Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), invites SHORT TERM Proposals (Technical and Financial) for appointing Consultant for the Work listed below.

Sl. No.	Name of the project	EMD (In Rupees)
1	Providing Project Management Consultancy services including Proof Checking, Construction Supervision and Quality Control for the work of "Construction BBMP School and PU College Building at Mathikere, R R Nagar Assembly constituency, Bengaluru".	22,100/- (Through E-Procurement Portal)
2	Providing Project Management Consultancy services including Proof Checking. Construction Supervision and Quality Control for the work of "Construction of New and Additional Floor to BBMP Schools and College Buildings at Herohalli, Ullalu, Varahasandra & Talaghattapura in Yeashwanthpura Assembly Constituency, Bengaluru".	36,500/- (Through E-Procurement Portal)

Calendar of Events : 1) Availability of RFP Document: 30.01.2023 onwards. 2) Last date for receipt of queries is 06.02.2023 up to 17.30 Hrs in E-Portal. 3) Date of Pre bid meeting on 07.02.2023 @ 16:00 hrs. 4) Last date for Submission of proposals: 14.02.2023 up to 17.30 hours. 5) Date of Opening of Technical Proposals: 16.02.2023 up to 11.30 hours.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Project Central-1

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I HITHERTO known as PAWAN S/O REVANSIDAPPA DHAMMUR, residing at Lingayat Galli, Vil.: Kalkhora, Tq.: Basavkalyana, Dist.: Bidar, 585327, declare that i have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as PAWAN DHAMMUR vide affidavit dated 25/01/2023 and will be using this new name for all future purposes.

I, GURURAJ Siddnna Phanoor S/O Siddanna Born On 14/01/1996 Residing At Prabhuwadi Chikodi Dist Belgavi, Have Changed My Name To Gururaj Panoor Vide Affidavit Dated 25/01/2023 at Chikodi

I, (Old Name) Chanjula Dileep Spouse of No.15324801L HAV Dileep K K, Residing at Krishna Chithra Kuttiada, Mayanad (Post), Kozhikode (Dist), Kerala (State), Pin-673008, have changed my name to (New Name) Chanjula Chandrakumar vide affidavit dated 31.12.2022 sworn before Notary Meer Hassan, Bangalore.

I, SERVICE No.15332496Y HAV Roy.S.P,of Unit: 427 FD COY, 12 ENGR REGT, C/O 56 APO, Pin: 914012 have changed my Daughter Name (Old Name) Angel to (New Name) Angel.R.S vide affidavit dated 17.01.2023 sworn before Notary Meer Hassan, Bangalore.

I, SHUBHAM, R/a No.231, 9th A Mn, 2nd Crs, Pipeline Rd, Vijayanagar, Bengaluru-560040 have changed my name to Shubham Balchand Mehta vide affidavit dt: 27.01.2023 sworn before Notary Smt.A.Manjula, B'lore.

I, SYED Rahman, R/o No.608, 6th Cross, 3rd Main, Islampura, Bengaluru-560017 have changed my name to Syed Rehman vide affidavit dt: 24.01.2023 sworn before Notary R.Basavaraja, B'luru.

I, MAHEBOOB S/o M D Abdulkareem Vanteli, R/o Flat No.205, "D" Block, 2nd Floor, Shathavartha Enclave, 1st Main K R Garden, Murgeshpalya, Bengaluru-560017, have changed my name from Maheboob to Maheboob A Vanteli vide affidavit dt : 27-01-2023 before Notary A.R. Muneer Ahmed, B'luru.

I, K M DAVIDSON Son of K M Raju resident of OMQ No.225/4, Golden Jubilee Airforce Officers Enclave, Artillery Road, Jeevan Kendra Layout, Jogupalya Agram Post, Bengaluru-560007 have changed my name from K M Davidson to Kumar Madhukar David vide affidavit No. IN-KA61677460309148V dated 25-01-2023 before Notary A R Muneer Ahmed, B'luru.

I, PRABHAVATHI Janakiram D O B 01-02-1982, W/o Anthonyraj, R/o # 31, 32, Bazaar Street Gowthampuram, Halasuru, Bengaluru-560008 have changed my name Prabhavathi Janakiram to Prabhavathi Anthonyraj vide affidavit dt: 28-13-2022 before Notary A R Muneer Ahmed, B'luru.

PERSONAL

CHANGE OF NAME

I, RAVI Chandra, R/a No: 3977, 3rd Mn, 18th Crs, BSK II Stg, Bengaluru-560070 have changed my name to Ravi Chandra Melukote Narasingha Rao vide affidavit dt: 27.01.2023 sworn before Notary Smt.A.Manjula, B'lore

I, Selvam M S/O, Philip Paul Kumar R/o Jakkalli, Kollegala, Jakkalli, Chamarajnagar, Karnataka-571440 have changed my name to Anto Philip Philip for all purposes.

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LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE 74th ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE MAYOHALL UNIT AT BANGALORE (CCH-75)
O.S. NO. 26860/2022

BETWEEN :
ICICI Bank Limited
Having its Registered office at Landmark, Race Course Circle, Vadodara - 390 007 and having its Corporate office at ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai - 400 051 and its branch office at Mystree Centre, 4/10, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore- 560 068
Represented by its POA Holder Sri. Pramodh Gurumallappa **...Plaintiff**
And
Sri. D. Suresh ...Defendant

Summons to Defendant

To,
Sri. D. Suresh,
S/o Sri. Dasappa,
Aged about 43 years,
Tavrekere Thayama Gondal Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Bangalore Rural, Bangalore-562 123

WHEREAS the Plaintiff has instituted above said suit against you for recovery of **Rs. 8,02,300/- (Rupees Eight Lakh Two Thousand Three Hundred Only)** together with interest @ 24% p.a., cost of the suit and to grant such other or further order relief. The above mentioned Defendant hereby summoned to appear before the **Hon'ble 74th Additional City Civil & Sessions Judge (CCH-75)** in person or through a Counsel who can able to answer the claim made against you on **21.03.2023** at **11.00 a.m.** failing which the suit is heard and disposed ex-parte.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Hon'ble Court on this 20.01.2023.

BY ORDER OF THE HON'BLE COURT, DEPUTY REGISTRAR, CITY CIVIL COURT, MAYOHALL UNIT, BENGALURU

ADVOCATE FOR PLAINTIFF
SA Associates,
No.10, 7th Cross, Victoria Layout, Bangalore- 560 047

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF 74th ACC & SJ CITY CIVIL JUDGE, AT BANGALORE (CCH: 75)
O.S. No. 25917/2020

BETWEEN :
ICICI Bank Ltd. **...Plaintiff**
And
Mr. Ravi Patel **...Defendant**

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT

To,
Mr. Ravi Patel
S/o Mrs. Sarojammaj, Aged about 32 years Residing at No.23/80, 2nd Floor, 4th Cross, 8th Main, Pappayya Garden, Banashankari 3rd Stage, Bangalore- 560085

Whereas, the Plaint is filed by the Plaintiff Bank, against the Defendant seeking Judgment and Decree for recovery of loan amount of **Rs.3,83,190.04 (Rupees Three Lakhs Eighty Three Thousand One Hundred Ninety and Paise Four Only)** together with interest at the rate of 21% P.A. from the date of filing of the Suit to till the date of decree.

Hence the Defendants hereby gave this notice to appear before the court on **13.03.2023** At **11.AM** either personally or through their Counsel to answer to the Plaint failing which, the case will be heard and decided ex-parte.

Given under my hand and the seal of the court this the 19th day of January 2023.

By order of the Court
Deputy Registrar
City Civil Court
Mayohall Unit Bangalore

Plaintiff Counsel
M.G.C. & Co.,
Advocate and Solicitors,
No.66, 4th Cross,
Xavier Layout,
Bangalore-560047.

IN THE COURT OF THE 13th ADDL CITY CIVIL JUDGE MAYOHALL UNIT AT BANGALORE (CCH-22)
O.S. NO. 26793/2022

BETWEEN :
ICICI Bank Limited,
Having its Registered office at Landmark, Race Course Circle, Vadodara- 390 007 and having its Corporate office at ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai - 400 051 and its branch office at Mystree Centre, 4/10, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore - 560 068
Represented by its POA Holder Sri. Pramodh Gurumallappa **...Plaintiff**
And
Mr. Sharieff Aejaz Faizuddin ...Defendant

Summons to Defendant

To,
Mr. Sharieff Aejaz Faizuddin,
S/o. Mr. Akthar Zahirudini Mahboob Sharieff,
Aged about 38 years,
No.21/A, 7th Cross, S R Nagar, Adugodi, Bannerghatta Road, Bengaluru-560 030

WHEREAS the Plaintiff has instituted above said suit against you for recovery **Rs. 4,78,052/- (Rupees Four Lakh Seventy Eight Thousand Fifty Two Only)** together with interest @ 24% p.a., cost of the suit and to grant such other or further order relief. The above mentioned Defendant hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble 13th Additional City Civil & Sessions Judge (CCH-22) in person or through a Counsel who can able to answer the claim made against you on 17.02.2023 at 11.00 a.m. failing which the suit is heard and disposed ex-parte.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Hon'ble Court on this 07.01.2023.

BY ORDER OF THE HON'BLE COURT, DEPUTY REGISTRAR, CITY CIVIL COURT, MAYOHALL UNIT, BENGALURU

ADVOCATE FOR PLAINTIFF
SA Associates,
No.10, 7th Cross, Victoria Layout, Bangalore- 560 047

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF 28th ADDL. CITY CIVIL & SESSIONS JUDGE AT BANGALORE (CCH-29)
O.S. No. 25700 of 2022

Plaintiff :
M/s. ICICI Bank Ltd.,
Having its Regd. Off at Mytree Centre, No.4, 101, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore-560068. Reptd. by its Manager : Sri. Pramodh.G. S/o. Gurumallappa B.

Defendant :
Mr. Srikanth Venkateshwara Rao M
Aged about 45 years,
S/o. Mr. Narayana Venkateshwara Rao Madhukuri Residing At Flat No. 207, 3rd Floor, Samruddhi Sathyam Street, Munekolala, Marathahalli, Bangalore-560 037.

WHEREAS the plaintiffs have instituted the above suit against you seeking to recover a sum of **Rs. 9,06,092 (Rupees Nine Lakhs Six Thousand Ninety Two Only)** together with future interest at 11.99% P.A., you are hereby summoned to appear in the court of the 28th Addl. City Civil & Sessions Judge at Bangalore in person or by pleader on the 7th day of March, 2023 to answer the same, failing which the suit/ application will be disposed of ex-parte.

Given under my hand and the seal of this Court on 17/01/2023.

By Order of the Hon. Court
Deputy Registrar,
City Civil Court,
Mayohall Unit, Bangalore

ALTAF HASAN, Advocate
R.No.474/1993, 60, G-3, M.M. Complex, Chikka Bazaar Street Road, Tasker Town, Shivajinagar, Bangalore-560051.
Ph.7892117565

IN THE COURT OF THE 74th ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE MAYOHALL UNIT AT BANGALORE (CCH-75)
O.S. NO. 26439/2021

Between
ICICI Bank Limited,
Having its Registered office at Landmark, Race Course Circle, Vadodara - 390 007 and having its Corporate office at ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai- 400051 and its branch office at Mystree Centre, 4/10, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore- 560 068
Represented by its POA Holder Sri. Pramodh Gurumallappa **...Plaintiff**
And
Sri. Praveesha M L ...Defendant

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT

To,
Sri. Praveesha M L
S/o Sri. Lakshmana Gowda,
Aged about 37 years,
No.64, K R Building, Mottapanapalya, Indiranagar, Bangalore- 560 038

WHEREAS the Plaintiff has instituted above said suit against you for recovery of Rs.7,12,951/- (Rupees Seven Lakh Twelve Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty One Only) together with interest @ 24% p.a., cost of the suit and to grant such other or further order relief. The above mentioned Defendant hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble .... Additional City Civil & Sessions Judge (CCH - 75) in person or through a Counsel who can able to answer the claim made against you on 21-03-2023 at 11.00 a.m. failing which the suit is heard and disposed ex-parte.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Hon'ble Court on this 20.01.2023.

By Order of the Hon'ble Court
Deputy Registrar
City Civil Court
Mayo Hall Unit, Bangalore

ADVOCATE FOR PLAINTIFF
SA Associates,
No.10, 7th Cross, Victoria Layout, Bangalore- 560 047

PUBLIC NOTICE

TO WHOM SO IT MAY CONCERN

My client **S.V. JANARDHAN** has lost some of his signed cheques one year back and is hereby making this public notice to those who are concerned that his cheques are being misused and presented to Bank by unknown persons without his knowledge. Those who are indulging in such acts shall face legal action from my client according to law.

Sd/-
M.D. PANIGATTI
Advocate
125/1, Second Floor, 4th Cross, 4th Main, Nagappa Block, Srirampuram, Bangalore - 560021.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public that my Client Mrs. Nagma Taj, W/o. Imran Pasha, Mobile No. 9380642221 has negotiated to purchase below mentioned Schedule Property from its present registered owner Mrs. Akthar Jan, W/o. Munawar Pasha and her legal heirs, Any Person/s institution/s having right, title, interest, claim, demand, charge or encumbrance over the schedule property may notify his/ their claim or objections if any, together with documentary proof to the undersigned within thirty (30) days from the date of this notice, failing which it would be conclusively presumed and deemed that no person/s has/have any right, title, interest, claim, charge or encumbrance whatsoever in the Schedule Property and further my client will be entitled to proceed with the transaction and get register the Schedule Property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel Municipal New No.10, situated at 3rd Main Road, Bismillanagar, Bangalore (formerly Western Portion of Site No.2 comprised in No.69 situated at taverkere, 35th Division of Bangalore City Corporation, Bangalore) with alloted PID No. 64-96-10, New BBMP Ward No. 171, measuring West to West-33 Feet and North to South- 68feet in all 2244 Sq.ft Bounded On the:- East by- Property bearing No.11, West by- Property Bearing No. 7, North by- Private Property, South By- Road.

R.A. Rahman Advocate
No.1 'Tipu Chambers',
4th Cross, N.R. Road, Bangalore-2

PUBLIC NOTICE

My clients are desirous of purchasing all that piece and parcel of immovable property more-fully described in the schedule hereunder ("Schedule Property") from its present owner, SRI.CHIKKANARASIMHAIAH, S/o Rooddaiah Urf Thammaiah, Aged about 61 years, Residing at Hejjala Village, Bidadi Hobli, Ramanagar Taluk, Ramanagar District. Any person or persons asserting any charge, lien, right, title, agreement, interest or claim on the schedule property or any part thereof in any manner or having any claim against the schedule property or the documents thereof or against the owner or objection to such sale in favour of my client should lodge his/her/their/its objections or claims with supporting documents with the undersigned within SEVEN DAYS (07 Days) of the issuance of this Public Notice, after which period my client shall proceed with the purchase of the schedule property on the basis that there are no claims of whatsoever nature with regards to the schedule property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the Vacant Intermediate Site bearing No.98 carved out of converted land in Sy. No-47/4 and 47/5(Official Memorandum dated 15-12-2004 issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Ramanagar vide OM No-ALN(R)SR/20/2004-05) and layout plan consisting survey numbers-43/4,43/5, 43/6,43/7, 45/1, 45/11, 46/1A,46/2,47/ 1,2,3,4, 5,6,48 /1,50/ 3,5,6,8,51,52,53/1, 54/ 1A and 55/2,3,4,5,6 situated at Hejjala Village, Bidadi Hobli, Ramanagar Taluk, Ramanagar District and layout formed by the Sri. Lakshaman Railway Men's House Building Co-Operative Society Limited and layout named as "Shaik Rehaman Nagar", layout duly approved by the BMRDA vide No-BMRDA/LAO/174/2005-06, dated 16-04-2008 and releasing order dated 16-04-2008 vide No-BMRDA/LAO/174/2005-06 and presently situated within the administrative jurisdiction of Mancha nayakanahalli Gramapanchayath and assigned the Property ID No-152900402001100617, Khata No-154/98, measuring East to West 24.38 Meters and North to South 15.24 Meters, in all measuring 371.55 Square Meters or 3999.38 Square Feet and bounded on that:- East by: Site No-91, West by : Road, North by : Site No-97, South by : Site No-99.

H. B. Chandrashekar, Advocate,
HB Law Associates,
No.4/20, 1st B Main Road, 1st N Block, Rajajinagar, Bengaluru-560010

TAMIL NADU WATER SUPPLY AND DRAINAGE BOARD

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IFB No.	**15/ F.CWSS to 831 habs./JJM /SDO II/ CW /Dt. 25.01.2023**
Eligibility	Registered Class I Contractors (Civil)
Tender Invitee	The Chief Engineer, TWAD Board, Madurai – 625 007
Downloading Period	**30.01.2023 to14.02.2023** upto **15.00 hours**
EMD Payable	1.Online Mode through E-Tendering website **www.tntenders.gov.in** (OR) 2. Offline Mode Payable at Executive Engineer, TWAD, **Urban Division, Tirunelveli**
Pre Bid meeting	**06.02.2023** at **11.00 hours** at the office of the Tender Invitee
Bid Submission	**14.02.2023** before **15.00 hours** at the office of the Tender Invitee. Digitally signed encrypted Tenders through E-Tendering website **www.tntenders.gov.in**
Bid opening	**15.02.2023** at **15.30 hours** at the office of Tender Invitee through E-Tender Portal

IFB No.	Name of work	Appx. Bid value (including 18% GST)	Bid security
15	Jal Jeevan Mission – CWSS to 831 rural habitations in 6 Panchayat Unions of Tirunelveli District with river Tamiraparani as source (Construction Period : 18 months and paid Maintenance: 60 months)	**Rs 380.00 crore**	**Rs 190.00 lakhs**

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Chief Engineer, TWAD Board,Madurai.

DIRECTORATE OF MINORITIES

MINORITY WELFARE DEPARTMENT

No. 16-C, Moulana Abul Kalam Azad Bhavana,
Miller Tank Bed Road, Vasanth Nagar, Bengaluru - 560 052.

Announcement of Notification for the year 2022-23 to sanction one time incentives for Minority Students of Karnataka State studying in Prestigious National Educational Institutes like IITs, IIITs, NITs, IIMs, IISERs, AIIMSs, NLUs, INIs & IUSLAs.

Opening date to submit Online Application: 25.01.2023
Closing date to submit Online Application: 10.02.2023
Application Submission Link: https://sevasindhu.karnataka.gov.in

Eligibility Conditions:

- Students should belong to Minority Communities viz., **Jains, Parsis, Buddhists, Sikhs, Christians and Muslims.**
- Annual Income of Students' Parents should not exceed **Rs. 6 Lakh per annum.**
- Students domiciled in Karnataka and pursuing studies in other states can apply.
- Students should be presently pursuing any **full-time course** in any of the IITs/NITs/IIMs/IIITs/IISERs/NLUs/AIIMSs/INIs/IUSLAs.
- Students should not have any backlogs in the previous semester/year exam.

Instructions to Apply:

- Applicants must apply online only on the link shared above.
- This incentive is sanctioned for only one time for the entire duration of the course. Hence, Students who have already availed the incentive once are not eligible
- Visit **https://dom.karnataka.gov.in** for Scheme details.
- For more details, please visit **https://dom.karnataka.gov.in** or contact Minority Department Helpline number. **Helpline: 8277799990.**

Sd/-Director
Directorate of Minorities,
Bengaluru

ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ಉನಸ:ಬಿ4:ಸಿಆರ್:2022-23

ನಗರಸಭಾ ಕಾರ್ಯಾಲಯ, ಉಡುಪಿ
ದಿನಾಂಕ: 23.01.2023

ಟೆಂಡರು ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

(ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರಕಾರ ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ)

2022-23ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ ನಗರಸಭಾ ನಿಧಿಯಡಿ ಈ ಕೆಳಗಿನ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯನ್ನು ಕೈಗೊಳ್ಳಲು ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ Standard Bid Document K.W-4ರ ನಿಯಮ ನಿಬಂಧನೆಗೊಳಪಟ್ಟು (ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಅಪ್‌ಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡಿರುವಂತೆ) e-procurement ಮೂಲಕ ಟೆಂಡರನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಕಚೇರಿ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದವರಿಂದ ಮತ್ತು ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್ www.udupicity.mrc.gov.in ನಿಂದ ಪಡೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳಬಹುದು.

1. ಪ್ರೀ ಬಿಡ್ ಮೀಟಿಂಗ್ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 07.02.2023 ಪೂರ್ವಾಹ್ನ 11.00 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ
2. Queries/Clarifications ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 09.02.2023 ಸಂಜೆ 5.00 ಗಂಟೆವರೆಗೆ
3. ಟೆಂಡರು ಫಾರಂಗಳನ್ನು ಡೌನ್‌ಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 23.02.2023 ಸಂಜೆ 4.30 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ
4. ತುಂಬಿದ ಟೆಂಡರುಗಳನ್ನು ಸ್ವೀಕರಿಸುವ ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 23.02.2023 ಸಂಜೆ 5.00 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ
5. ಸ್ವೀಕರಿಸಲಾದ ಟೆಂಡರುಗಳ ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ಡು ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 24.02.2023 ಸಂಜೆ 5.01 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ
6. ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ಡು ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಅರ್ಹ ಬಿಡ್ಡುದಾರರಿಗೆ ಪ್ರತ್ಯೇಕ ತಿಳಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು.

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ಸಹಿ/-, ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು
ಉಡುಪಿ ನಗರಸಭೆ

ಸಹಿ/-, ಪೌರಾಯುಕ್ತರು
ಉಡುಪಿ ನಗರಸಭೆ

As COVID-19 vaccine stocks near expiry, private hospitals worry over poor utilisation

Afshan Yasmeen
BENGALURU

Concerned over the poor utilisation of vaccine stocks that will expire this month end, private hospitals are not keen on replenishing the stock or procuring more vials.

The overall coverage of precaution dose is abysmally poor in Karnataka with not more than 21% of the eligible population getting the third dose. This is despite the State offering it for free in government COVID-19 vaccination centres.

There are hardly any takers for the COVID-19 vaccine in private hospitals. While there is no official estimation of the available stocks in private hospitals, sources said nearly 25,000 doses are lying unused in private hospitals in Karnataka.

Replacement

Govindaiah Yatheesh, president of Private Hospitals and Nursing Homes Association (PHANA), said, "Private hospitals are concerned about utilising the existing stocks as they will expire shortly. If the available stock is not used up, it will be inevitable for us to seek a replacement of the expired doses from the manufacturers," he said.

A representative from Serum Institute of India (SII) - the manufacturer of Covishield, said the company has already replaced stocks twice in the past. "It may not be possible for the company to replace the nearing expiry stocks again this time," he said, refusing to be quoted.

R. Ravindra, Medical Director of Suguna Hospital who is also former PHANA president, said many private hospitals were mentally prepared to write off the vaccine stock. "With hardly any enquiries for the COVID-19 vaccine in private hospitals we are not sure whether we can use the stock even if the company replaces the expired stocks. Also, we are not keen on procuring any fresh stock as we will only be spending on its storage," Dr. Ravindra said.

Alexander Thomas, president of Association of Healthcare Providers of India (AHPI), said the situation is similar in private hospitals across the country. "Some hospitals tried offering it free instead of wasting the stock. Despite that there are hardly any takers," he said.

Similar situation earlier

Private hospitals had faced a similar situation before the roll out of the precaution dose. Back then, the issue was about the short shelf life of Covaxin. Although the Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO) had extended the shelf life (of Covaxin) up to 12 months then, hospitals were unable to utilise the stock effectively. Following this, the AHPI had recommended that the government should consider allowing the eligible population to get a booster dose.

In November 2021, the APHI had written to the Union Health Minister Mansukh L. Mandaviya recommending that the government consider rolling out booster doses for those who wanted to take it or at least for the healthcare workers.

"Although the shelf life had been extended, we were worried as there were not many takers for the vaccine in the private sector then too. Overall, nearly 50 lakh doses of vaccines were lying unused in private hospitals across the country then. Now it is again a similar situation," Dr. Thomas said.

Intranasal vaccine

Meanwhile, private hospitals in Karnataka have decided to procure the newly launched intranasal vaccine iNCOVACC based on the demand. The country's first-ever intranasal vaccine manufactured by Hyderabad-based Bharat Biotech was launched by Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya and Science and Technology Minister Jitendra Singh on Thursday.

PHANA president Govindaiah Yateesh told *The Hindu* that hospitals will procure the intranasal vaccine based on the need. "Any new vaccines launched based on the emerging trends will be procured if there is a demand," he said.

Eight Indian airports, including KIA, get carbon accreditation

Mumbai, Delhi in top bracket followed by Bengaluru and Hyderabad; many Indian airports, including KIA, have set a target to achieve net zero carbon emissions by 2030

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Passengers boarding a flight at Kempegowda International Airport, Bengaluru. While KIA has got Level 3+ accreditation, Mumbai and Delhi airports have received the highest level 4+ accreditation. K. MURALI KUMAR

Eight Indian airports, including Kempegowda International Airport, have been awarded the Airports Council International's Airport Carbon Accreditation in the Asia Pacific and Middle East region. Airport Carbon Accreditation (ACA) is a global carbon management certification programme for airports and it independently assesses and recognises the efforts of airports to manage and reduce their carbon emissions through six levels of certification, which are Mapping, Reduction, Optimisation, Neutrality, Transformation, and Transition.

While Kempegowda International Airport has got Level 3+ accreditation (Neutrality), Delhi and Mumbai airports have received the highest level 4+ accreditation (Transition).

The other airports to get the accreditation are Rajiv Gandhi International Airport, Hyderabad, Level 3+ (Neutrality), Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose International Airport, Kolkata, Biju Patnaik International Airport, Bhubaneswar, Lal Bahadur Shastri International Airport, Varanasi, and the Trivandrum International Airport, all Level 2 accreditation (Reduction).

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"Two of the three airports that have achieved the highest ACI Airport Carbon Accreditation levels, Level 4+ (Transition), in Asia-Pacific and the Middle East are from India: Delhi Airport and Mumbai Airport. It's encouraging to see that Indian airports are leading by example, and setting new benchmarks. Some major airports in India have set a target to achieve net zero carbon emissions by 2030. This demonstrates India's commitment to investing in a more sustainable future," Stefano Baronci, Director General-ACI Asia-Pacific, told *The Hindu*.

Global scenario

In total, there are 66 airports in Asia-Pacific and the Middle East among 440 accredited global airports in the Airports Council International's ACA Programme. Globally, 32 airports are in the top tier – Level 4+ (Transition).

Mr. Baronci said according to the ACI forecast, India is expected to account for 7% of global air traffic growth over the next two decades, cementing its position as the world's third largest civil aviation market until 2040.

"Given the expected increase in air traffic, decarbonising the aviation sector will be critical to the industry's long-term sustainable growth. We hope to see more Indian airports break into the top tier of our ACA programme in the near future," Mr. Baronci said.

Annual park-level tiger census begins at Nagarahole Tiger Reserve

The Hindu Bureau
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The first phase of the eight-day protocol entails carrying out direct and indirect sign survey of both carnivores and mega herbivores. FILE PHOTO

The annual tiger census, which is conducted at the park-level by various national parks, commenced at Nagarahole Tiger Reserve on Friday.

The first phase of the eight-day protocol entails carrying out direct and indirect sign survey of both carnivores and mega herbivores. The phase-I exercise will be conducted from January 27 to February 6 and refresher training was conducted at Veeranahosahally range on January 26 for the participants. C. Harshakumar, Deputy Conservator of Forests, Nagarahole Tiger Reserve, said each beat officer along with others will carry out the exercise and all the direct and indirect signs for the presence of carnivores and mega herbivores will be recorded in MSTrIPES Ecological app.

Apart from the tell-tale evidence of carnivores and mega herbivores, the field staff will also conduct prey density estimation and vegetation plot survey on each line transects of their respective beats, Mr. Harshakumar added. He said direct sightings of prey species on the transect line will be logged with the help of Range finders and compass which are used to ascertain the distance of the prey species from the transect line and animal bearing, respectively.

Mr. Harshakumar said around 300 personnel are taking part in the exercise and Nagarahole has 91 beats and each beat has at least 1 transect while there are a few with multiple transects each of which will be covered. The field staff will walk along the line transect for two hours looking for signs and enter the data to the MSTrIPE app which will be submitted to the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) for analysis.

Camera trapping

Meanwhile, the camera trapping exercise conducted once in four years, was also completed last month and the details will be analysed by the NTCA. Though the results of the annual exercise conducted last year was yet to be released, the previous count indicated that there were 134 tigers in the national park spread over 847.98 sq km of which core area is 643.39 sq km and the buffer is spread over 204.58 sq km.

The park authorities, based on their direct sightings of tigers, believe there was a substantial increase in the tiger numbers and the census results would corroborate it.

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SHORT-TERM Re-TENDER NOTIFICATION

Under Amruth Nagarotha (municipality)-4 scheme. Short term Tender was invited for Chikkaballapura City municipal council of Chikkaballapur district, vide tender notification dated 12.01.2023. In that said notification for the work at package No-1 Improvement of Road, Drain and culverts (work no. 1,2,5,7,9,10,11,12 & 13) in Chikkaballapura CMC under Amruth nagarotha (municipality)-4 in Chikkaballapura district (DMA/2022-23/RD/WORK_INDENT144186/call-2) the tender has been withdrawn. In the notification dated 12.01.2023 the tender pertaining to package no.2 remains unchanged.

Hence Executive Engineer, District urban development cell. Chikkaballapur as invites Short term re-tender package no.01 of chikkaballapur cmc under Amruth Nagarothana (municipality)-4 from the eligible tenderers for the construction of words is detailed as in the table below.

Sl. No.	Name of Work	Approximate Amount (Rs.in Lakhs)	E.M.D. (Rs.in Lakhs)	Contract period
1	Package No-1 Improvement of Road, Drain and culverts (work no. 1,2,5,7,9,10,11,12 & 13) in Chikkaballapura CMC under Amruth nagarotha (municipality)-4 in Chikkaballapura district (DMA/2022-23/RD/WORK_INDENT144186/call-2)	1320.04 (Excluding GST)	15.00	18 Months (Including monsoon)

Tender document procedure as per KTPP rules 2000 shall be followed. (1) Tender documents may be downloaded from Government of Karnataka e-procurement websites **https://.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** and calender of events as below:
1. Pre-bid meeting (Venue-DUDC office): **27.01.2023, 11.00 AM**
2. Last date & Time for receipt of tenders: **06.02.2023, 5.00 PM**
3. Date & Time for opening of Technical bid: **07.02.2023, 5.15 PM**
4. Date & Time for opening of Financial bid: **09.02.2023 at 11.00 AM or Later**

2) Head of account: Amrutha Nagarothana (Municipality)-4 (3) Tenders must be electronically submitted in e-procurement portal. (4) Further information if required, can be obtained from the office of the Executive Engineer, DUDC, FA-07, DC office complex, Chikkaballapur during working hours. Any change in calender of events (if any) will be published in e-procurement portal only. No Paper notification will be given.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, District urban development cell, Chikkballapur

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For more details please visit E-Tender website http://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app, https://sportsauthorityofindia.nic.in/sai/, http://www.saisouth-bangalore.com.

The Last date of Submission of E-Tender is 20.02.2023 up to 16.00 hrs.

Sd/-, Regional Director I/C

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KSPH & IDCL invites online tender as per KTTP 2000 Act & as per Standard Tender Document Consultancy Service (Call-2) through e-procurement portal https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in (two tender document systems) for the following works:

1. Consultancy services for project management including supervision, quality assurance, progress monitoring / reporting, measurement, billing and documentation for the work of
   a) Construction of 3 Bay Fire Station at Devanahalli, in Bengaluru Rural district.
   b) Construction of 3 Bay Fire Station at Sunkadakatte, in Bengaluru Urban district.
   c) Construction of Highgrounds Police Station, Highgorunds Traffic Police Station and Sheshadripuram ACP office building in Bengaluru
   d) Construction of DCP(Central Division) office and Cubbon park Traffic Police Station, Bengaluru.

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The details such as Tender Fee, EMD, Tender Documents etc., are available on e-Procurement Portal from 30.01.2023.

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11 resolutions for homeowners

In addition to property maintenance and insurance, get fire safety measures and building upgrades also in place, says **Teja Lele**

LIFESTYLE

A new year is all about a series of resolutions for most of us. But we usually do not think about home improvement resolutions, which can change our home – and life – for the better. Here's a list of resolutions for the year that has begun.

1. Create a home inventory: Our closets and cupboards are chock-a-block with 'stuff' but chances are we won't know what all we have and what it's worth.

An unexpected disaster, be it a fire or flood, could result in loss or destruction. Documenting the physical belongings in your home (list and click photos of all your expensive goods and store on cloud) helps you know exactly what you have (and what needs to be donated), and can also help get insurance claims settled faster.

2. Buy home insurance: Buying home insurance is mandatory. A policy secures you against any damage caused by fire, theft, natural calamity, or other unforeseen events. It safeguards your home and its contents, and is a necessity since homes are such huge investments. Apart from homeowners and landlords, tenants can also buy home insurance.

3. Up your fire safety: Reduce your home's risk of fire by installing smoke detectors (₹600 upwards) and regularly testing to check that they are working properly. The right fire extinguisher (available ₹300 upwards) should be handy and functional to ensure that small fires don't turn into big disasters. Chalk out a fire escape plan, identify escape routes, and practise so everyone knows what to do.

4. Amp up security: A 2019 report stated that a burglary takes place in India every three minutes. High time to consider the safety our haven provides. Apart from dedicated indoor and outdoor security systems, the market is flooded with devices that let you monitor your home from anywhere. Video doorbells and motion sensors also let you stay safe. Companies like Godrej, CP Plus, Remo, ANNKE, Eoqo, and others offer systems for every budget.

5. Make an emergency kit: COVID-19 showed us that there may come a time when we need to live differently. With natural disasters on the rise, an emergency kit can be super helpful if your family needs to either shelter in place (may be without utilities) or must evacuate. What should it include? Food and water to last for at least three to four days, medications, chargers, flashlights, first-aid supplies, and a copy of important documents like ID cards and deeds. An emergency fund (ideally three to six months of living expenses) can help navigate the many curveballs life throws.

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6. Map out maintenance: No home is ever complete – it's always a work in progress that you are caring for and maintaining. Regular organising and maintenance will ensure you never run into big problems. Organise weekly, monthly and half-yearly cleaning schedules to stay on top of mess and clutter. Rope in all family members to help. After all, the family that cleans together stays together!

7. Draw up meal plans: A well-stocked pantry makes meal planning and preparation easier. You can map out a weekly menu to avoid the 'what to make' question. Planning weekly meals is the best way to make sure you're eating a balanced diet and meeting your nutritional needs. It also lets you optimise your pantry, use leftovers, and make grocery shopping more efficient (fewer shopping runs!).

8. Revisit your mortgage: Not many of us have the means to pay off for a home in one go. But a home loan shouldn't be forgotten after you take it. Revisit it once every year and check for new offers/lower rates that you can tap. According to entrepreneur and author Ankur Warikoo one extra EMI per year (so 13 instead of 12) along with an increase in EMI by 10% every year "reduces a 25-year loan to just 10 years"! You also save 60% on your interest amount.

9. Makeunder your home: Every year brings with it a mountain of items. This is the perfect time to purge so that your home is clear of clutter and looks open and inviting. Go room-by-room, picking up things that you don't love or use. Be stern and donate all extras. Keep counters and tables clean, group similar items together, and keep only what you enjoy. Makeunder to make over.

Keep your finances, safety measures and household items in order for quality living.

10. Shrink your carbon footprint: You don't need to install solar panels to give your home a green tag. Small steps can help reduce your household's carbon footprint. Buy energy-efficient appliances and turn them off when not in use. Use the least amount of water possible (regulate the car and patio washes). Shop locally and eat fewer animal products. Run the washing machine when full and line dry clothes. Eliminate single-use plastic – carry your own shopping bags, water bottles, and cutlery. Try your hand at composting to reduce landfill methane emissions.

11. Plan one significant upgrade: What's a new year without a new something? Plan for a large-ticket home improvement project that will up the look and feel of your space. It could be laying a wooden floor, installing that bathtub you always wanted, or painting the home. Looking for something simpler? Interior designer Sonali Desai suggests "painting your front door, redoing a balcony, or replacing a large appliance".

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ADANI ENTERPRISES LIMITED

Our Company was originally established as a partnership firm in 1988. Our Company was, thereafter, registered and incorporated in Ahmedabad, Gujarat as 'Adani Exports Limited' on March 2, 1993, as a company limited by shares pursuant to Part IX of the Companies Act, 1956 and pursuant to a certificate of incorporation issued by the Registrar of Companies, Gujarat at Ahmedabad (**"RoC"**). A certificate of commencement of business was issued by the RoC on March 4, 1993. Subsequently, the name of our Company was changed to 'Adani Enterprises Limited' pursuant to a resolution of our Board of Directors passed on May 20, 2006 and subsequently a resolution of our Shareholders was passed on July 29, 2006 and to reflect the changes in our business strategies. Consequently, a fresh certificate of incorporation was issued by the RoC on August 10, 2006. For further details in relation to the changes in our name and the registered office of our Company, see *"History and Certain Corporate Matters - Brief history of our Company"* and *"History and Certain Corporate Matters - Changes in the registered office of our Company"* on page 228 of the Red Herring Prospectus dated January 18, 2023 (**"RHP"**).

Registered and Corporate Office: Adani Corporate House, Shantigram, Near Vaishno Devi Circle, S. G. Highway, Khodiyar, Ahmedabad - 382 421, Gujarat, India; **Telephone:** +91 79 2555 5555, **Contact Person:** Jatin Jalundhwala, Company Secretary and Compliance Officer; **Email:** investor.ael@adani.com; **Telephone:** +91 79 2555 5377, **Website:** www.adanienterprises.com; **Corporate Identity Number:** L51100GJ1993PLC019067

THE PROMOTERS OF OUR COMPANY ARE GAUTAM S. ADANI AND RAJESH S. ADANI

FURTHER PUBLIC OFFERING OF UP TO [●] PARTLY PAID-UP EQUITY SHARES OF FACE VALUE OF ₹1 EACH ("FPO EQUITY SHARES") OF ADANI ENTERPRISES LIMITED ("COMPANY") FOR CASH AT A PRICE# OF ₹ [●] PER FPO EQUITY SHARE (INCLUDING A PREMIUM OF ₹ [●] PER FPO EQUITY SHARE) ("OFFER PRICE") AGGREGATING UP TO ₹ 20,000 CRORE* BY WAY OF A FRESH ISSUE (THE "OFFER"). THE OFFER INCLUDES A RESERVATION OF UP TO [●] FPO EQUITY SHARES, AGGREGATING UP TO ₹ 50 CRORE, FOR SUBSCRIPTION BY ELIGIBLE EMPLOYEES NOT EXCEEDING 5% OF OUR POST-OFFER PAID-UP EQUITY SHARE CAPITAL ("EMPLOYEE RESERVATION PORTION"). THE OFFER LESS THE EMPLOYEE RESERVATION PORTION IS HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE "NET OFFER". THE OFFER AND NET OFFER SHALL CONSTITUTE [●]% AND [●]%, OF THE POST-OFFER PAID-UP EQUITY SHARE CAPITAL OF OUR COMPANY, RESPECTIVELY.

#RETAIL DISCOUNT OF ₹64 TO THE OFFER PRICE WILL BE OFFERED TO RETAIL INDIVIDUAL BIDDERS.

**ASSUMING FULL SUBSCRIPTION AND ALLOTMENT AND RECEIPT OF ALL CALL MONIES WITH RESPECT TO THE FPO EQUITY SHARES*

The Offer is being made in accordance with Regulation 155 and 129(1) of the SEBI ICDR Regulations | QIB Portion: Not more than 50% of the Net Offer | Non-Institutional Portion: Not less than 15% of the Net Offer | Retail Portion: Not less than 35% of the Net Offer Employee Reservation Portion: Upto [•] FPO Equity Shares aggregating up to ₹ 50 crores | A Discount of ₹ 64 per FPO Equity Share is being offered to Retail Individual Bidders bidding in the retail portion

PRICE BAND: ₹ 3,112 TO ₹ 3,276 PER FPO EQUITY SHARE OF FACE VALUE OF ₹1 EACH.
THE FLOOR PRICE IS 3,112.00 TIMES THE FACE VALUE OF THE FPO EQUITY SHARES AND THE CAP PRICE IS 3,276.00 TIMES THE FACE VALUE OF THE FPO EQUITY SHARES.
BIDS CAN BE MADE FOR A MINIMUM OF 4 FPO EQUITY SHARES AND IN MULTIPLES OF 4 FPO EQUITY SHARES THEREAFTER.

THE ABOVE PRICE BAND IS FOR A FULL FPO EQUITY SHARE HAVING FACE VALUE OF ₹ 1 EACH, OF WHICH 50% OF THE AMOUNT IS PAYABLE AT THE TIME OF THE APPLICATION AND BALANCE AMOUNT WILL BE PAID IN ONE OR MORE SUBSEQUENT CALL(S) AS DETERMINED BY THE COMPANY'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS OR A DULY AUTHORISED COMMITTEE THEREOF AT ITS SOLE DISCRETION, FROM TIME TO TIME. ACCORDINGLY, AT THE TIME OF THE APPLICATION, INVESTORS ARE REQUIRED TO PAY THE APPLICATION BID AMOUNT (i.e. BID LOT X 50% OF THE PRICE OF THE FULL FPO EQUITY SHARE).

Payment Schedule for FPO Equity Shares		
	At Floor Price (₹)	At Cap Price (₹)
On Application	1,556.00*	1,638.00*
One or more subsequent call(s)	1,556.00	1,638.00
Total (₹)	3,112.00	3,276.00

** Constitutes 50% of the Floor/ Cap Price.*

In accordance with the recommendation of a Committee of Independent Directors of the Company, pursuant to their resolution dated January 18, 2023 the above provided price band is justified based on quantitative factors/ KPIs disclosed in 'Basis for the Offer Price' section vis-à-vis the WACA of primary issuances/ secondary transactions disclosed in 'Basis for the Offer Price' section provided in the RHP.

RISKS TO INVESTORS

- **The weighted average cost of acquisition (WACA) of all Equity Shares transacted in the last 1 year, 18 months and 3 years preceding the date of the RHP:***

Period	WACA per Equity Share (in ₹)	Cap Price (₹ 3,276) is 'x' times the WACA	Range of acquisition price per Equity Share: lowest price - highest price (in ₹)
Last 1 year	2,884.83	1.14	1,564.31 - 4,125.20
Last 18 months	2,317.45	1.41	1,360.97 - 4,125.20
Last 3 years	1,104.57	2.97	124.76 - 4,125.20

** As certified by M/s. Shah Dhandaria and Co, LLP, Chartered Accountants, by way of their certificate dated January 18, 2023*

** We are not aware of any off-market secondary transactions of Equity Shares*

- **We expect our expenses to increase in the future as we continue to expand our operations and increase our investments in new business verticals, which will place significant demands on our management and our operational and financial resources, and if we fail to manage the growth of our existing businesses and to capitalize on our growth opportunities effectively, our business and results of operations may be adversely affected. In Fiscals 2022, 2021, 2020 and the six months ended September 30, 2022 and 2021, our integrated resource management business contributed 69.4%, 59.4%, 70.1%, 78.0% and 69.4% of our total income, and our mining services business contributed 3.9%, 5.0%, 4.2%, 4.3% and 4.4% of our total income, respectively. Additionally, we ramped up our airports operations and it contributed 3.2% of our total income in the six months ended September 30, 2022. Our other businesses are at various stages of development and in line with our strategy we intend to expand, diversify and develop these businesses.**
- **Limited operating history of certain businesses: Some of our businesses, such as defence (started in 2017), airports (started in 2019), roads (started in 2018), data centers (first data center commissioned in October 2022), digital, water management, commercial mining, industrials manufacturing, among others and metals and manufacturing have limited operating histories, and may not serve as an adequate basis to evaluate our future prospects, results of operations and cash flows.**
- **Our integrated resource management business primarily depends on an increasing demand for imported coal in India and our ability to maintain a diverse supplier base.**
- **Certain companies within the Adani group are involved in various legal, regulatory and other proceedings. For instance, the Investigations Department of SEBI had approached our Company and certain companies within the Adani group (Adani Ports And Special Economic Zone Limited, Adani Total Gas Limited and Adani Transmission Limited, Adani Global Limited) for certain information and documents, and these requests have been responded by them to SEBI. In case any proceedings are initiated or adversely determined against them, it could have an adverse impact on our business and reputation.**
- **Our Promoter Group does not include certain immediate relatives of the spouses of our Promoters (which is in line with our historical practice), and relevant confirmations relating to them are based on publicly available information.**
- **The P/E ratio based on the cap price of ₹ 3,276 per FPO Equity Share and the diluted EPS for FY2022 of ₹7.06 per equity share is 464.02 times and may not be indicative of market price on listing or thereafter.**
- **Weighted average cost of acquisition (WACA) based on the last five primary issuances or secondary transactions, not older than three years prior to the date of the RHP, is as below:**

Past Transactions	WACA per Equity Share (in ₹)^	Floor Price (₹ 3,112) is 'x' times the WACA	Cap Price (₹ 3,276) is 'x' times the WACA
WACA of primary issuances	1,915.85	1.62	1.71
WACA of secondary issuances*	3,624.18	0.86	0.90

** We are not aware of any off-market secondary transactions of Equity Shares*

^ The above is basis the details of the last five primary issuances (excluding Equity Shares issued under ESOP/ESOS and issuance of bonus Equity Shares, as applicable) or secondary transactions (secondary transactions where Promoters, members of the Promoter Group, or Shareholder(s) having the right to nominate Director(s) on our Board, are a party to the transaction), not older than three years prior to the date of the RHP irrespective of the size of transactions.

- **The 10 BRLMs associated with the Offer have handled 97 public issues in the past three years, out of which 34 issues closed below the Offer Price on listing date :**

Name of BRLMs	Total Issues	Issues closed below IPO Price as on listing date
ICICI Securities Limited	7	1
Axis Capital Limited	8	3
IDBI Capital Markets & Securities Limited	1	1
IIFL Securities Limited	10	4
JM Financial Limited	4	-
Common Issues of all BRLMs	67	25
Total	97	34

BID/OFFER PROGRAMME

BID/OFFER OPEN

BID/OFFER CLOSES ON : TUESDAY, JANUARY 31, 2023*

** UPI mandate end time and date shall be at 5.00 p.m. on the Bid/Offer Closing Date.*

In case of any revision to the Price Band, the Bid/Offer Period will be extended by at least three additional Working Days following such revision of the Price Band, subject to the Bid/Offer Period not exceeding 10 Working Days. In cases of force majeure, banking strike or similar circumstances, our Company in consultation with the Book Running Lead Managers, for reasons to be recorded in writing, extend the Bid/Offer Period for a minimum of three Working Days, subject to the Bid/Offer Period not exceeding 10 Working Days. Any revision in the Price Band and the revised Bid/Offer Period, if applicable, will be widely disseminated by notification to the Stock Exchanges, by issuing a public notice, and also by indicating the change on the respective websites of the Book Running Lead Managers and at the terminals of the members of the Syndicate and by intimation to the Designated Intermediaries and the Sponsor Banks, as applicable.

The Offer is being made in terms of Regulation 155 of the SEBI ICDR Regulations. The Offer is being made in accordance with Regulation 129(1) of the SEBI ICDR Regulations and through a book building process wherein not more than 50% of the Net Offer shall be allotted on a proportionate basis to Qualified Institutional Buyers ("**QIBs**", and such portion, the "**QIB Portion**"). Our Company in consultation with the Book Running Lead Managers, may allocate up to 60% of the QIB Portion to Anchor Investors on a discretionary basis in accordance with the SEBI ICDR Regulations ("**Anchor Investor Portion**"), out of which at least one-third shall be reserved for allocation to domestic Mutual Funds only, subject to valid Bids being received from the domestic Mutual Funds at or above the Anchor Investor Allocation Price, in accordance with the SEBI ICDR Regulations. In the event of under- subscription, or non-allocation in the Anchor Investor Portion, the balance FPO Equity Shares shall be added to the portion of the QIB Portion less the number of Equity Shares Allotted to the Anchor Investors ("**Net QIB Portion**"). Further, 5% of the Net QIB Portion shall be available for allocation on a proportionate basis to Mutual Funds only, and the remainder of the QIB Portion shall be available for allocation on a proportionate basis to all QIB Bidders other than Anchor Investors, including Mutual Funds, subject to valid Bids being received at or above the Offer Price. However, if the aggregate demand from Mutual Funds is less than 5% of the Net QIB Portion, the balance FPO Equity Shares available for allocation will be added to the remaining QIB Portion for proportionate allocation to QIBs. Further, not less than 15% of the Net Offer shall be available for allocation to Non-Institutional Bidders, in accordance with Regulation 129(1) of the SEBI ICDR Regulations, out of which (a) one third of such portion shall be reserved for Bidders with Bids exceeding ₹2,00,000 up to ₹10,00,000; and (b) two-third of such portion shall be reserved for applicants with Bids exceeding ₹10,00,000, provided that the unsubscribed portion in either of such sub-categories may be allocated to applicants in the other sub-category of Non-Institutional Bidders in accordance with the SEBI ICDR Regulations, subject to valid Bids being received at or above the Offer Price. Further, not less than 35% of the Net Offer shall be available for allocation to Retail Individual Bidders ("**RIBs**") in accordance with the SEBI ICDR Regulations, subject to valid Bids being received at or above the Offer Price. All potential Bidders, other than Anchor Investors, are required to mandatorily utilise the Application Supported by Blocked Amount ("**ASBA**") process by providing details of their respective bank account (including UPI ID in case of UPI Bidders) in which the corresponding Bid Amounts will be blocked by the SCSBs, or by the Sponsor Banks under the UPI Mechanism, as applicable to participate in the Offer. Anchor Investors are not permitted to participate in the Anchor Investor Portion through the ASBA process. For details, see *"Offer Procedure"* on page 698 of the RHP. The FPO Equity Shares have not been and will not be registered under the U.S. Securities Act of 1933, as amended ("U.S. Securities Act") or any state securities laws in the United States, and unless so registered may not be offered or sold within the United States, except pursuant to an exemption from, or in a transaction not subject to, the registration requirements of the U.S. Securities Act and applicable state securities laws. Accordingly, such Equity Shares are being offered and sold (i) outside of the United States in offshore transactions in reliance on Regulation S under the U.S. Securities Act and the applicable laws of the jurisdiction where those offers and sales occur; and (ii) to "qualified institutional buyers" (as defined in Rule 144A under the U.S. Securities Act) in transactions exempt from the registration requirements under the U.S. Securities Act. The FPO Equity Shares have not been and will not be registered, listed or otherwise qualified in any other jurisdiction outside India and may not be offered or sold, and Bids may not be made by persons in any such jurisdiction, except in compliance with the applicable laws of such jurisdiction.

Bidders/ Applicants should ensure that DP ID, PAN, Client ID and UPI ID (for UPI Bidders bidding through the UPI mechanism) are correctly filled in the Bid cum Application Form. The DP ID, PAN and Client ID provided in the Bid cum Application Form should match with the DP ID, PAN, Client ID available in the Depository database, otherwise, the Bid cum Application Form is liable to be rejected. Bidders/ Applicants should ensure that the beneficiary account provided in the Bid cum Application Form is active. Bidders/Applicants should note that on the basis of the PAN, DP ID, Client ID and UPI ID (for UPI Bidders bidding through the UPI mechanism) as provided in the Bid cum Application Form, the Bidder/Applicant may be deemed to have authorised the Depositories to provide to the Registrar to the Offer, any requested Demographic Details of the Bidder/Applicant as available on the records of the depositories. These Demographic Details may be used, among other things, for giving Allotment Advice or unblocking of ASBA Account or for other correspondence(s) related to the Offer. Bidders/Applicants are advised to update any changes to their Demographic Details as available in the records of the Depository Participant to ensure accuracy of records. Any delay resulting from failure to update the Demographic Details would be at the Bidders'/Applicants' sole risk. Investors must ensure that their PAN is linked with Aadhaar and are in compliance with CBDT notification dated Feb 13, 2020 and press release dated June 25, 2021.

CONTENTS OF THE MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION OF THE COMPANY AS REGARDS ITS OBJECTS: For information on the main objects of the Company, please see the section *"History and Certain Corporate Matters"* on page 228 of the RHP. The Memorandum of Association of the Company is a material document for inspection in relation to the Offer. For further details, please see the section entitled *"Material Contracts and Documents for Inspection"* on page 723 of the RHP.

LIABILITY OF THE MEMBERS OF THE COMPANY: Limited by shares

AMOUNT OF SHARE CAPITAL OF THE COMPANY AND CAPITAL STRUCTURE: As on the date of the RHP, the authorised share capital of the Company is ₹ 4,90,42,00,000 divided into 4,85,92,00,000 Equity Shares of ₹ 1 each and 45,00,000 preference shares of ₹10 each. The issued, subscribed and paid-up share capital of the Company is ₹ 1,14,00,01,121 divided into 1,14,00,01,121 Equity Shares of ₹ 1 each. For details, please see the section entitled *"Capital Structure"* beginning on page 79 of the RHP.

NAMES OF THE INITIAL SIGNATORIES TO THE MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION OF THE COMPANY AND THE NUMBER OF EQUITY SHARES SUBSCRIBED BY THEM: The initial signatories to the Memorandum of Association are Mahasukh S. Adani, Vinod S. Adani, Vasant S. Adani, Gautam S. Aadani, Rajesh S. Adani, Suvarna M. Adani, Pritiben G. Adani, Ranjan Vinodbhai Adani, Pushpa V. Adani and Shilin R. Adani. For details of the share capital history and capital structure of our Company, please see the section entitled *"Capital Structure"* beginning on page 79 of the RHP.

LISTING: The Equity shares are listed on BSE and NSE. The FPO Equity Shares offered through the Red Herring Prospectus are proposed to be listed on the Stock Exchanges. Our Company has received 'in-principle' approvals from BSE and NSE for the listing of the FPO Equity Shares pursuant to letters dated January 17, 2023. For the purposes of the Offer, NSE is the Designated Stock Exchange.

DISCLAIMER CLAUSE OF THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE BOARD OF INDIA ("SEBI"): SEBI only gives its observations on the offer documents and this does not constitute approval of either the Offer or the specified securities or the offer document. The investors are advised to refer to page 669-670 of the RHP for the full text of the disclaimer clause of SEBI.

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GENERAL RISK: Investments in equity and equity-related securities involve a degree of risk and Bidders should not invest any funds in the Offer unless they can afford to take the risk of losing their investment. Bidders are advised to read the risk factors carefully before taking an investment decision in the Offer. For taking an investment decision, Bidders must rely on their own examination of our Company and the Offer, including the risks involved. The FPO Equity Share have neither been recommended, nor approved by the SEBI, nor does SEBI guarantee the accuracy or adequacy of the contents of the Red Herring Prospectus. Specific attention of the Bidders is invited to *"Risk Factors"* on page 26 of the RHP.

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UPI-Now available in ASBA for all individual investors applying in public issues where the Bid Amount is up to ₹ 500,000* applying through Registered Brokers, Syndicate, DPs & RTAs. Retail Individual Investors and Non-Institutional Bidders also have the option to submit the application directly to the ASBA Bank (SCSBs) or to use the facility of linked online trading, demat and bank account. Investors are required to ensure that the bank account used for bidding is linked to their PAN. Bidders must ensure that their PAN is linked with Aadhaar and are in compliance with CBDT notification dated February 13, 2020 and press release dated June 25, 2021

*As this is an Offer of partly paid up FPO Equity Shares, the Application Bid Amount payable is up to ₹ 250,000

ASBA has to be availed by all the investors except anchor investors. UPI may be availed by Retail Individual Investors. For details on the ASBA and UPI process, please refer to the details given in ASBA form and abridged prospectus and also please refer to the section "Offer Procedure" beginning on page 698 of the Red Herring Prospectus. The process is also available on the website of Association of Investment Bankers of India ("**AIBI**") and BSE Limited ("BSE") and National Stock Exchange of India Limited ("NSE", and together with BSE, the "Stock Exchanges") and in the General Information Document. ASBA bid-cum-application forms can be downloaded from the websites of Stock Exchanges and can be obtained from the list of banks that is displayed on the website of SEBI at www.sebi.gov.in/sebiweb/other/ OtherAction.do?doRecognisedFpi=yes&intmId=35 and https://www.sebi.gov.in/sebiweb/other/OtherAction.do?doRecognisedFpi=yes&intmId=43, respectively as updated from time to time. For the list of UPI apps and banks live on FPO, please refer to the link: www.sebi.gov.in. UPI Bidders Bidding using the UPI mechanism may apply through the SCSBs and mobile applications whose names appear on the website of SEBI, as updated from time to time. Axis Bank Limited and ICICI Bank has been appointed as the Sponsor Banks for the Offer, in accordance with the requirements of the SEBI Circular dated November 1, 2018 as amended. For offer related queries, please contact the BRLMs on their respective email IDs as mentioned below. For UPI related queries, investors can contact NPCI at the toll free number: 18001201740 and mail Id: fpo.upi@npci.org.in.

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Bidders can contact the Compliance Officer or the Registrar to the Offer in case of any pre-Offer or post-Offer related problems such as non-receipt of Allotment Advice/letter of Allotment, non-credit of Allotted Units in the respective beneficiary account, non-receipt of refund orders and non-receipt of funds by electronic mode.

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Place: Ahmedabad
Date: January 27, 2023

For ADANI ENTERPRISES LIMITED
On behalf of the Board of Directors
Sd/-
Jatin Jalundhwala
Company Secretary and Compliance Officer

ADANI ENTERPRISES LIMITED is proposing, subject to applicable statutory and regulatory requirements, receipt of requisite approvals, market conditions and other considerations, to make an further public Offer of its Equity Shares and has filed the RHP with RoC on January 18, 2023. The RHP shall be available on the website of SEBI at www.sebi.gov.in, websites of the Stock Exchanges i.e. BSE and NSE at www.bseindia.com and www.nseindia.com, respectively, and is available on the websites of the BRLMs i.e. ICICI Securities Limited , Jefferies India Private Limited, SBI Capital Markets Limited, Axis Capital Limited, BOB Capital Markets Limited, IDBI Capital Markets & Securities Limited, JM Financial Limited, IIFL Securities Limited, Monarch Networth Capital Limited, and Elara Capital (India) Private Limited at www.icicisecurities.com, www.jefferies.com, www.sbicaps.com, www.axiscapital.co.in, www.bobcaps.in, www.idbicapital.com, www.jmfl.com, www.iiflcap.com, www.mnclgroup.com and www.elaracapital.com , respectively. Investors should note that investment in equity shares involves a high degree of risk and for details relating to such risk, please see the section entitled *"Risk Factors"* on page 26 of the RHP.

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INBRIEF

Dharwad to have forensic sciences varsity campus

Union Home Minister Amit Shah will lay the foundation stone for a campus of the National Forensic Sciences University, Ahmedabad, in Dharwad on Saturday.

The University of Agricultural Sciences, Dharwad, has agreed to hand over 50 acres to set up the new campus, according to Home Minister Araga Jnanendra. Courses will be offered here in forensic sciences to boost capability in gathering scientific evidence from crime scenes in Karnataka. Several rounds of talks have already been held with officials of the National Forensic Sciences University, the Minister said.

Centre for performing arts opened in Bengaluru

The Prestige Group has opened Prestige Srihari Khoday Centre for Performing Arts, a 1,09,806-sq. ft space on Kanakapura Road in Bengaluru. The centre is divided into three segments: it houses a 1,000-seat broadway theatre, a 500-capacity banquet hall, and a 500-seat open-air amphitheatre, said the company in a release. The centre was inaugurated by the sarod Maestro Ustad Amjad Ali Khan, his sons Amaan Ali Bangash and Ayaan Ali Bangash, and his 8-year-old grandsons, Zohaan and Abeer.

With only 53% proposals of Budget implemented, CM may seek another review

CMO sources say that though GOs have been issued, some programmes have not been launched

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

As Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, who also holds the Finance portfolio, is getting ready to present his second Budget on February 17, he is said to be not impressed with the implementation of programmes announced in his previous Budget. For, only about 53% of the 391 announcements made in the 2022-23 Budget, presented on March 4, 2022, have been implemented so far, according a review.

While Government Orders (GOs) have been issued to implement 330 programmes out of the 391 announcements, 207 programmes have been implemented and 132 programmes have not been implemented, according to an official review done recently and submitted to the Chief Minister's Office (CMO). There were 52 statements of intent too in the budgetary proposals.

According to CMO sources, Mr. Bommai has asked the officials to speed up implementation and address technical issues that have bogged down some of the important programmes. "He is aware that benefits of some programmes are not reaching people properly due to laxity on the part of officials," sources said. "Though no target has been set, the government is confident of implementing many of the yet-to-be-implemented programmes in this quarter. The figures that have been cited in the review are regarding works till the end of the third quarter," sources said, adding that another review had been planned next week. Sources said that though GOs had been issued, some programmes had not been implemented.

Government sources said that programmes had been stuck due to land issues, including delays in the transfer of land between departments or non-availability of land, inter-departmental communications, and in some cases, delay in issuing GOs. "A number of programmes are under various stages of implementation or tender process is under way. In some cases, the programme has been partially implemented," sources said.

State Budget 2022-23

Some key announcements not implemented

- Atal Bihari Vajpayee Garden at Jarakabande Kaval on the lines of Lalbagh and Cubbon Park; tree park on NGEF premises
- Setting up of 100 veterinary dispensaries in phases
- Ksheera Samrudhi Bank for milk producers
- Setting up of seven Karnataka Institutes of Technology
- Setting up of 300 wellness centres for women
- Four 500-bed hospitals in Bengaluru with private partnership
- Housing for third gender
- Mega jewellery park

Some key announcements implemented

- Yeshasvini health scheme
- Extension of cooperative sector loan facility to three lakh farmers
- Raitha Shakti programme to provide ₹250 per acre (up to five acres) for diesel to farmers
- Subsidy for drip irrigation facility at 90% for SC/ST farmers and 75% for others to grow horticultural crops
- Process of appointing 15,000 schoolteachers under way
- Increase in honorarium for cooks in midday meal scheme
- ₹10,000 as incentive for farmers per tonne of bivoltine silk cocoons sold in govt. market
- ₹5 lakh insurance to sheep herders
- Distribution of 100 deep sea shipping boats under PM Matsya Sampada

Bommai rules out 'appeasement' of Muslims

The Hindu Bureau
MYSURU

Prime Minister's statement was on taking 'all communities' along, says CM

Ruling out the possibility of the BJP "appeasing" Muslim voters, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Friday said Prime Minister Narendra Modi's recent message was to "take all communities along" in nation building.

Mr. Bommai told reporters in Mysuru that Mr. Modi had sought that all communities be taken along and especially the poor and illiterate in the minority communities should be provided with education and brought to the mainstream so that it was possible for them to contribute towards nation building.

'Sab ka saath, sab ka vikas' is Mr. Modi's slogan for nation building, he said while clarifying that Mr. Modi's statement cannot be considered a call for wooing Muslim voters.

BSY's statement

Earlier this month, the former Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa had said, after the party's national executive meeting, that Mr. Modi had advised BJP leaders to make prompt efforts to take Muslims into confidence.

When Mr. Bommai's attention was drawn to certain BJP leaders claiming that they do not need Muslim votes, Mr. Bommai said such statements had been made pertaining to their constituencies and it was their individual opinion.

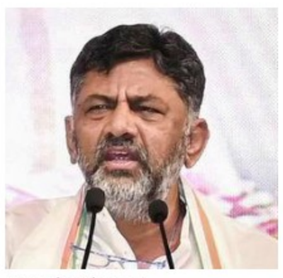
On the former Chief Minister Siddaramaiah promising to increase the allocation for development of minorities to ₹5,000 crore and revive the Shadi Bhagya scheme, Mr. Bommai said the Shadi Bhagya scheme launched during his regime as Chief Minister turned out to be "unfortunate" for him as well as his party.

To another question, Mr. Bommai said there was no opposition to the appointment of Revenue Minister R. Ashok as Minister in charge of Mandya district.

Strengthen my hands, give me a chance to serve you, DKS tells people of Mandya

The Hindu Bureau
MYSURU

Siddaramaiah cautions people against trusting the JD(S), which, he claims, will win no more than 20 or 22 seats


D.K. Shivakumar

Speculation over Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee (KPCC) president D.K. Shivakumar eying the Chief Minister's post began floating in political circles again on Friday after his call to the people in Vokkaliga-dominated Mandya to "strengthen" his hands and give him an "opportunity" to serve them.

Addressing the Praja Dhwani rally in Mandya, Mr. Shivakumar reminded the gathering that the Congress had not only supported H.D. Deve Gowda to become the Prime Minister, but also H.D. Kumaraswamy as Chief Minister of Karnataka.

'Son of the soil'

"Now, I am standing before you as your son, as the son of the soil, as the son of Doddalahalli Kempe Gowda, as the Karnataka Congress president I am asking you, bowing to your feet, for strength to serve you," Mr. Shivakumar said, while asking the people of the Vokkaliga-dominated Mandya to ensure that they vote for the Congress in all the seven Assembly constituencies in the district.

He also said he was connected to Mandya district, which was no different to him from either Kanakapura or Ramanagaram. Since the days of the former Chief Minister S.M. Krishna and the former MP G. Made Gowda, Mr. Shivakumar said he had been serving the people of Mandya.

Mr. Shivakumar said the Congress respected the decision of the voters of Mandya during the last Assembly elections when the JD(S) won all the seven seats. The party, in order to keep the "communal" BJP out of power, backed Mr. Kumaraswamy of the JD(S) as the Chief Minister of the State. "But, they were unable to retain power," he said. The Congress leader also said the party had taken the Mekedatu padayatra for the sake of people of Mandya, Mysuru, and Hassan.

On expressway

Mr. Shivakumar also targeted the BJP for claiming credit for the expansion of the Bengaluru-Mysuru expressway when the project was conceived and started during the Congress government's tenure. The project was planned when the late Oscar Fernandes was the Union Surface Transport Minister in the then Prime Minister Manmohan Singh's Cabinet. It was taken up when Siddaramaiah was the Chief Minister of Karnataka, and H.C. Mahadevappa was the Public Works Minister, he said.

Mr. Siddaramaiah also spoke on the occasion and cautioned the people against trusting the JD(S), which, he claimed, would win no more than 20 or 22 seats.

CM meets Padma winners

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai having a word with veteran politician S.M. Krishna in Bengaluru and (right) felicitating writer S.L. Bhyrappa in Mysuru on Friday.

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU/MYSURU

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Friday felicitated some of those chosen for the Padma awards from Karnataka, including the former Chief Minister S.M. Krishna and writer S.L. Bhyrappa.

In Bengaluru, he felicitated Mr. Krishna, chosen for the Padma Vibhushan, and described him as the most creative and simple person who is known for giving good governance by launching various welfare schemes."The selection of Mr. Krishna for this award is in recognition for giving good governance to bring changes in the public sector." Mr. Bommai said Mr. Krishna, during his tenure as Chief Minister (1999-2004), had successfully given a number of welfare programmes meant for all the communities. The Yeshasvini scheme for farmers was launched by him. Till then, India did not have the concept of health insurance for farmers. It had been dropped, but was revived in the 2022 Budget, he said. The Chief Minister said Mr. Krishna launched the midday meal scheme for schoolchildren, understanding that it was difficult to learn on an empty stomach. Mr. Krishna took over the entire system on the issues of the Cauvery, the Krishna and other issues, and also gave importance to knowledge-based development. "It was during his tenure that IT and biotechnology companies came to Bengaluru in large numbers," he said.

In Mysuru, the Chief Minister met Mr. Bhyrappa, chosen for the Padma Bhushan, and honoured him with a shawl and a Mysuru petha.

On millets

Mr. Bommai then called on Khadar Valli who has been chosen for the Padma Shri and is engaged in promoting millets. He urged the Chief Minister to get the GST on millets rescinded so as to promote it on a mass scale.

The Chief Minister subsequently called on S. Subbaraman, who has been conferred the Padma Shri for his contribution to the field of archaeology and has done extensive work on conservation of Ajanta caves, besides working for restoration of Bamiyan Buddhas in Afghanistan and in preparing a report on Angkor Wat in Cambodia.

Training programme

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Divecha Centre for Climate Change (DCCC), Indian Institute of Science, is organising a two-day training programme on 'Health in a changing climate: Empowering health professionals' from February 3 at the DCCC auditorium at the institute. The programme is for health professionals and is aimed to sensitise and educate them about the perils of climate change and prepare doctors for the illnesses that could arise due to global warming, the DCCC said.

In an interactive session, the medical fraternity will discuss the issues of health impact that arises due to climate change.

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'Hampi Circuit will be launched soon'

The Hindu Bureau
KALABURAGI

Emphasising that the Vijayanagar Empire was one of the most powerful and wealthy kingdoms of medieval times which altered the history of the nation, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Friday said the State government was committed to extending all facilities for the convenience of tourists visiting the heritage site from across the world.

Inaugurating the Hampi Utsav in the newly formed Vijayanagara district on Friday, Mr. Bommai said the land of Vijayanagar Empire and the beautiful architecture of every stone monument narrated a story of its past glory. To boost tourism across the State, the government would soon create a Hampi Circuit in North Karnataka and a Mysuru Circuit in South Karnataka, he said.

TAMIL NADU WATER SUPPLY AND DRAINAGE BOARD
INVITATION OF BIDS–TWO COVER–ITEMWAR TENDER SYSTEM (E-Submission)

IFB No.	54 /F.WSS to TNUHDB/ SDO/CE-TNJ/2022/Dated.25.01.2023
Fund	Deposit Work
Eligibility	Registered Class I Contractors (Civil)
Tender Invitee	The Chief Engineer, TWAD Board, Integrated Office Complex, First Floor, No.243/2, Thanjavur-Trichy Main Road, Pillayarpatty, Thanjavur-613 403
Sale of Bid	**30.01.2023 to 28.02.2023 upto 15.00 hours (as per server time)**
EMD Payable	1.Online Mode through E-Tendering website **www.tntenders.gov.in** (OR) 2. Offline Mode Payable at Executive Engineer, TWAD Board, Project Division, Thanjavur
Available website	E-Tendering website **www.tntenders.gov.in.**
Pre Bid meeting	**14.02.2023** at **11.00** hours at the office of the CE,TWAD Board, Thanjavur
Bid Submission	**28.02.2023** upto **15.00** hours Digitally signed encrypted Tenders through E-Tendering portal **www.tntenders.gov.in**
Bid opening	**01.03.2023** at **15.30** hours at the office of the Tender Invitee through E-Tendering Portal

IFB No.	Name of work	Approximate value of work (Rs. in Crore including GST 18%)	Bid Security (Rs.in lakhs)
54	Providing 0.744 MLD water supply to Tamilnadu Urban Habitat Development Board for 969 Tenements at Vallam vadakku sethi village in Thanjavur district under CWSS to 1153 habitations in Thanjavur district as deposit work (period of Construction 12 months: Paid Maintenance : 12 Months)	**13.60**	**10.20**

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Public Works Department
Executive Engineer,
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Re Invitation for Short-Term Tender (I.F.T.) No.: 16-3/2022-23, Date: 23.01.2023 (Call 4)

(For Building Works – As per Standard Bidding Document K.W. – 4 in two cover system)

On behalf of the Governor of Karnataka, as per Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act 2000, the Undersigned invites Tenders in two cover system through e-procurement portal from eligible Contractors registered in PWD for works. Those interested in participating in the tender can submit the tenders from **25.01.2023 to 08.02.2023 up to 4.00 pm. (1)** Last date for objections-doubts and clarifications: **04.02.2023 (at 3.00 pm during office hours). (2)** Last date for submission of filled tenders: **08.02.2023 (up to 4.00 pm). (3)** Date of opening Technical Bid: **10.02.2023 at 4.30 pm. (4)** Financial Bid will be opened after approval of Technical Bid. For more information visit website **www.kpwd.gov.in** or contact this office during office hours.

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OBITUARY & REMEMBRANCE

DEATH

Mrs. Sundari Venugopal
wife of Late **Captain CG Venugopal**
Born: 03 May 1939 Died: 27 January 2023
Funeral on 28th at 4pm at Besant Nagar Crematorium, Chennai.
Deeply mourned by
Son: **Raj**, Daughter: **Meena**, Granddaughters: **Ramya** and **Ritika**, Grandsons: **Goutham** and **Advaith**
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A kind, gentle and caring soul. Reunited with his beloved wife Saroja. May they both Rest in Peace.

DEATH

OBITUARY

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S/o Late Mr.M.Chinnaswamy
26-10-1938 - 26-01-2023

Passed away peacefully due to age related issues.

Survived by:
Wife : Hema
Son : Dr.Harish
Daughter : Rukmini

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INBRIEF

Senior BRS leader meets Telangana Congress chief

Senior Bharat Rashtra Samiti (BRS) leader and seven-time MLA, Gurunath Reddy met Telangana Congress president, A. Revanth Reddy at Kodangal on Friday leading to rumours that he would resign from the BRS soon. His meeting raised eyebrows given their political rivalry and also that he is a senior leader with influence in some parts of old Mahabubnagar district.

TTD launches new mobile app integrating services

TTD Chairman Y.V. Subba Reddy on Friday formally launched a new mobile application, TTDevasthanams, to enable devotees to access all the services with a single touch. He said that the special application jointly developed by the TTD's IT wing and Jio Platforms by employing cloud technology was a one-stop solution for devotees designed for easy booking of *arjitha seva*, darshan tickets and accommodation, watching live programmes on SVBC and donating to e-hundi among other things.

Dalit tied to tree, assaulted on charge of stealing coffee

A Dalit youth was allegedly tortured by five persons at Bellavara, near Arehalli in Belur taluk of Hassan district, allegedly for stealing coffee beans from a coffee estate. The alleged incident came to the notice of police after video clips of the youth being beaten up went viral. The youth was allegedly tied to a tree throughout the night and beaten with sticks. On Friday, Hariram Shankar, SP, informed mediapersons that the police rescued the victim. They have booked a case against five persons.

People raise concern over gunshot wounds on elephant

The Forest Department has confirmed as many as 15 pellet wounds on the body of PT-7; forest veterinarians say that there is no need to take out the pellets as they are not life threatening

The Hindu Bureau
PALAKKAD

The Elephant Lovers Forum in Palakkad has raised concerns about suspected poaching and hunting attempts by the people living in forest fringes in Kerala.

In a memorandum sent to the government and the Chief Wildlife Warden, Palakkad District Elephant Lovers Forum president Haridas Machingal said that the finding of gunshot injuries on the body of the recently captured elephant, codenamed PT-7 (Palakkad Tusker-7), was serious and that it should be investigated.

"The Forest Department has confirmed as many as 15 pellet wounds on the body of PT-7. Those responsible for it should be brought to book," said Mr. Haridas.

In safe hands: Palakkad Tusker-7, renamed Dhoni, inside the kraal at Dhoni forest office near Palakkad. K.K. MUSTAFAH

He said that the Forest Department should enhance its vigil in the wake of the finding of gunshot injuries on the tusker. He also called upon the authorities to check constructions and encroachments on forest fringes.

"Enhanced human activities on forest fringes are one of the reasons for the elephant movement into farmlands," he said.

Meanwhile, forest veterinarians who examined PT-7 said that the wounds were caused by pellets fired from country-made rifles. They said the wounds had been cured. The elephant was hit in the rear as it was suspected to have been shot from behind.

Veterinarians said that there was no need to take out the pellets as they were not life threatening for PT-7, which was renamed Dhoni soon after its capture and confinement on Sunday last.

The tusker is confined in a kraal at the Dhoni forest camp near here and attempts were on to tame the tusker.

Veteran actor Jamuna passes away

Serish Nanisetti
HYDERABAD

Legendary Telugu actor Jamuna passed away on Friday morning at her residence in Hyderabad due to age-related issues. She was 86. She is survived by her children Vamsee Juluri, a media professional, and Sravanthi Juluri, an artist. There was an outpouring of grief, memories as people across the two Telugu States learnt about the news. Later in the evening, her body was cremated in the presence of her family members.

Jamuna was among the last surviving actors of *Missamma* (1955) in Telugu, which is considered her ninth movie. She began her career nearly 71 years ago with *Puttillu* in 1952. But her most memorable roles were alongside Savitri including *Missamma, Gundamma Katha, Donga Ramudu, Appu Chesi Pappu Kudu,* and *Mooga Mansulu*. She acted in Kannada, Tamil, and Hindi movies as well and bagged

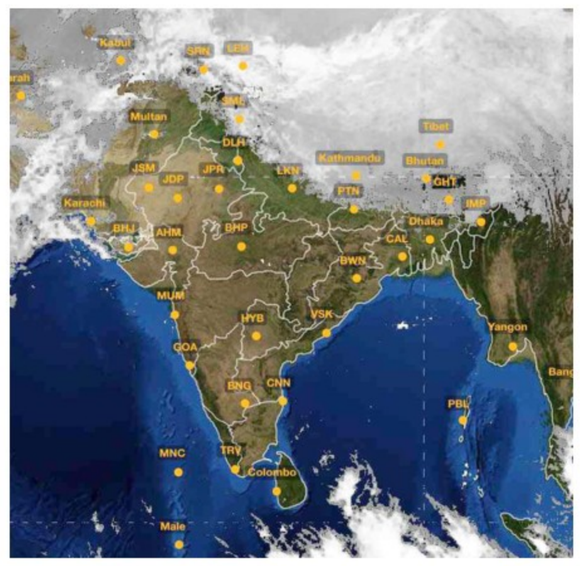
Jamuna

a Filmfare award for her role in 1967 Sunil Dutt-starrer *Milan*. She acted with Dr. Rajkumar in *Sakshatkara*, which was directed by Puttanna Kanagal. Though born in Hampi in present day Karnataka, she did her primary schooling in a village in Guntur district. Jamuna had a successful stint, albeit a brief one, with politics when she got elected to the Lok Sabha on a Congress ticket from Rajahmundry in 1989.

Telangana Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao and Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy conveyed their condolences to the actor's family.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.00 HRS)

Forecast for Saturday: Thunderstorm accompanied with lightning & hail likely at isolated places over east Rajasthan. Squally weather (wind speed reaching 40-45 gusting 55 kmph) likely over southeast Bay of Bengal. Ground frost likely at isolated places over Rajasthan

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	—	28.9	15.0	Kozhikode	—	34.4	23.8
Ahmedabad	—	27.0	13.5	Kurnool	—	33.0	17.5
Aizawl	—	23.9	8.8	Lucknow	—	20.6	13.1
Allahabad	0.6	22.5	16.0	Madurai	—	33.2	19.5
Bengaluru	—	29.6	16.4	Mangaluru	—	32.6	21.7
Bhopal	4.4	—	15.0	Mumbai	—	34.4	18.9
Bhubaneswar	—	34.0	16.8	Mysuru	—	30.0	12.2
Chandigarh	—	22.7	7.4	New Delhi	—	21.2	5.8
Chennai	—	30.1	21.7	Patna	—	26.1	16.4
Coimbatore	—	31.4	18.5	Port Blair	—	30.6	23.4
Dehradun	—	25.4	10.8	Puducherry	—	31.9	19.3
Gangtok	—	15.9	8.2	Pune	—	31.4	18.6
Goa	—	35.2	21.0	Raipur	—	32.8	18.3
Guwahati	—	28.0	13.1	Ranchi	—	27.8	15.3
Hubballi	—	32.0	16.0	Shillong	—	19.6	7.8
Hyderabad	—	29.9	16.7	Shimla	—	8.0	4.8
Imphal	—	25.8	7.7	Srinagar	0.1	7.4	1.2
Jaipur	—	22.3	7.0	Thiruvananthapuram	—	32.2	22.8
Kochi	—	31.4	24.4	Tiruchi	—	31.1	21.0
Kohima	—	19.6	7.0	Vijayawada	—	30.0	19.0
Kolkata	—	29.0	18.6	Visakhapatnam	—	32.5	19.8

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	.19	5	.16	165	158	
Bengaluru	.10	.43	.15	389	—	
Chennai	.23	.31	.45	171	115	
Delhi	.29	.79	.73	265	188	
Hyderabad	5	.51	.39	165	150	
Kolkata	7	.22	.63	242	150	
Lucknow	.25	.16	.39	147	133	
Mumbai	.41	258	108	396	241	
Pune	—	.22	.46	333	196	
Visakhapatnam	4	.64	.54	204	239	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Byrnihat, Assam recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 370 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Srinagar, Jammu & Kashmir recorded a healthy AQI score of 25

Air Quality Code: Poor | Moderate | Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

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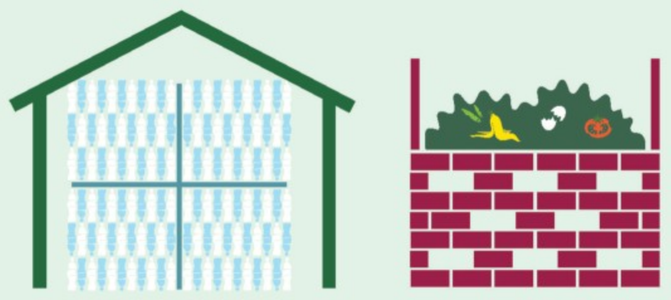

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Founding ideals

Adherence to basic principles of the Constitution is what unifies India

In her first and customary Republic Day address to the nation, President Draupadi Murmu reiterated the founding ideals of the Republic on the eve of the 74th anniversary of the adoption of its Constitution. As the first tribal woman to occupy the highest office in the country, the 15th President of India is emblematic of the Republic's continuing journey of democracy, pluralism and empowerment of the weaker sections. The values of fraternity and democracy that its founding leaders etched into the genetic makeup of the modern nation were derived from the learnings of an ancient civilisation. Ms. Murmu underscored this quality of the Republic – the amalgamation of the old and the new, the traditional and the modern. A unified and unifying struggle against British imperialism, as the President noted, was "as much about winning Independence as about rediscovering our own ideals". Ms. Murmu laid emphasis on the "essence of India" – which is profound and predictable at once. "We have succeeded... because so many creeds and so many languages have not divided us, they have only united us." A commitment to this creed has sustained the modern nation, and the long and ancient civilisation that evolved and reformed over millennia.

It can be argued that the Republic is continuously in formation, as thoughts and ideas emerge. As new ambitions inspire the country, some foundational principles must remain the timeless codes for survival and success. Ms. Murmu's address reiterated those, while celebrating India's successes in various fields, particularly the economy. While noting India's emergence as an influential leader in global affairs, she underscored the principles of Sarvodaya and Atmanirbhar Bharat – uplift of all, and self reliance – which are guiding the government as they have the earlier ones. Oppression and debilitating poverty continue to shackle vast sections, and India must constantly remember this fact, and certainly on occasions when it reflects on its progress. At various points, challenges to the ideals of the Constitution and the national movement arose in the form of political authoritarianism, sectarian extremism, and separatism, but India overcame them – a reason for satisfaction but also a call for constant vigil. Ms. Murmu's reiteration of the founding principles of the Republic, and her reassurance to fellow citizens come at time when the sanctity of the Constitution is under attack. While debate about the Constitution is also part of the democracy it establishes, adherence to its basic principles is what unifies the people of India. Ms. Murmu made that point.

Great expectations

Budget 2023-24 must balance electoral signalling with fiscal prudence

In the week ahead, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman will present her fifth and this government's last full-fledged Budget before the Lok Sabha election in 2024. Although some electoral overtures can be made in an interim Budget next year, the Bharatiya Janata Party-led government will also be mindful of the flurry of State elections scheduled through 2023. Ms. Sitharaman has an unenviable task of balancing the pulls and pressures on fiscal resources amid multiple congregating headwinds, keeping one eye on creating a feel-good factor among voters and the other on demonstrating suitable resolve to address India's twin deficit situation and steer growth. Buoyant tax revenues this year provide comfort on meeting the fiscal deficit target (6.4% of GDP). The Finance Minister will need to show a convincing glide path to the 4.5% of GDP target laid down for 2025-26, but the widening current account deficit is of more emergent concern. Goods trade deficit hit an all-time high in the second quarter of this year, with net exports being the biggest external 'drag' on demand since late 2012-13. Ms. Sitharaman will look to raise customs duties on non-critical goods to slash the import bill, while trying to ensure Indian producers do not lose out on integration opportunities with global value chains with prohibitive or inverted duty structures for inputs and intermediates.

The export engine that has driven India's growth well recently is likely to flounder this year even if the recession in the western world is milder than anticipated. Growth will be lower than the 7% expected this year, and the challenge is to prevent it from slipping below 6%. The Budget will persist with the public capex push with private investments yet to recover across the board. A chunk of the residual resources shall be earmarked for higher rural and social welfare spends, including food and fertilizer subsidies as well as schemes such as MGNREGA and PM-KISAN. Defence spending plans will be closely watched as they tend to be pruned in recent pre-poll Budgets. Constituencies awaiting succour such as the working middle class would like a revision of the tax exemption limit (set at ₹2.5 lakh a year in 2014) and other sops to alleviate the impact of high inflation on spending power. The government has not played to this gallery much in its innings, perhaps because it is not a vociferous or cohesive interest group such as farmers and corporates. But with an uneven recovery in consumption holding back the investment cycle, putting money into people's hands to spur spending and facilitating more job opportunities for the youth, would be the best bet for India to drive its growth amid a tumultuous world economy.

The moral and intellectual crises in economic policies

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News from Davos and Delhi in the third week of January has framed the moral and intellectual crises affecting Indian economic policies. In the first instance, speaking at a session at the World Economic Forum in Davos on India's road to a $10 trillion economy, the Chairman of Tata Sons said, "For me, the three things most important are growth, growth, and growth."

In the second instance, a report from Delhi said that 150 homeless people had been removed from beneath a flyover by police who had been directed to clear the city of beggars ahead of various G-20 events to be held in the city. The "beggars" who included many workers like Munna employed by establishments in the vicinity were being taken to a shelter far away. "I work in this locality, so how will I be able to earn anything if I am moved so far away,"Munna complained.

Job demand, employment 'informality'

Our moral crisis is the pathetic attempt to cover up the declining employment elasticity of India's shining growth. Job creation has not kept pace with the demand for jobs. Moreover, most jobs hardly pay enough and have no social security. While statistical debates continue about the numbers of jobs being created, to pin the unemployment problem on either the present National Democratic Alliance or the preceding United Progressive Alliance government, it is widely acknowledged that the Indian economy is not generating enough good jobs. What has not been accepted though, as yet, is that the paradigm of economic growth and globalisation, which Davos has been a megaphone for, and which Indian governments have followed, is a cause of the problem.

Conventional economics says that the productivity of the agriculture sector must be improved by using more capital-intensive methods and moving people out of agriculture and rural areas, into cities and into manufacturing and modern services (such as information technology). Employment is also crunched because the organised manufacturing and service sectors are also employing fewer people per unit of capital in order to improve their own labour productivity.

> Economic growth must create equal opportunities for all in India to learn and earn with dignity; the leaders of the country must give shape to this in the year of the G-20 presidency

The Indian economy's problem, many economists say, is the large size of its "informal" sector and the small scale of its enterprises. Whereas, around the world and in India too, innovations in business models are changing the forms of large enterprises and creating more informality of employment. Employment in the formal sector is also becoming informal with outsourcing, contract employment, and gig work. Concepts of "economies of scale" are changing to "economies of scope", and enterprise forms from concentrated to dispersed units.

Confusion in employment policies

India's formal sector cannot create enough good jobs. The form of the Indian economy must be changed. Further confusion in India's employment policies is evident with the concern of economists about there being too few women in the workforce. In the official narrative, too few Indian women venture out of their homes to earn money. With more women in the workforce the economy would grow faster, say economists. This distorted view of the economy ignores reality. More Indian women have been working outside their homes to earn money than any other country perhaps. For centuries, they have worked in large numbers on farms, as caregivers and domestic workers in others' homes, as municipal sweepers, and weavers and producers of handicrafts in small enterprises. They are also employed as teachers and as Anganwadi and ASHAs (Accredited Social Health Activists) providing essential services to communities.

The essential services that women provide to society (including mothering and family care) are not considered productive work for the economy. Their work is not valued and they are paid too little. Instead, they are being pulled into the limited jobs the formal economy offers to increase GDP. Pushing more women into the formal economy will improve the "female participation rate" in the formal economy and may add to GDP too. However, it will not solve the basic problem – which is that the formal sectors of India's economy cannot generate enough good jobs to meet the needs of India's 1.4 billion population, now the largest in the world. Young men need jobs too. Unlike women who may be respectably engaged in home care, the men idle. Increasing numbers of young and underemployed males are leading to more crime and violence, and sexual assaults of women in Indian cities.

Downside of GDP growth

Growth of GDP is like a disease. It kills the economy's natural and social hosts. Natural resources are converted into commodities to feed the economic machine. Nature is reengineered for more GDP growth – more dams, more roads, and even more tourists in the Himalayas. Nature is reacting: 'Don't push me around so much,' it says, 'or you will suffer.' Society is reacting too. Capitalism needs to reinvent itself.

The paradigm of "growth, growth, growth" treats human society and nature as a means to its goals of producing more wealth for investors and more GDP. Human work and intelligence are commodities for producing value for investors in capitalist enterprises. A platform service hiring motorcycle riders to deliver packages on time cares only about the efficiency of the work. Riders are extensions of their motorcycles paid only for on-time delivery. Their human needs (for safety, health and sufficient income) only increase the cost of doing business. These are not concerns of the platform owner; the state must take care of them.

Growth of GDP is not the purpose of human civilisation. India's leaders must find a path to reach "*poorna swaraj*" – social, political, and economic freedoms – for all Indians. Economic growth must create equal opportunities for all to learn and earn with dignity and not harm the natural environment that sustains all life. Increasing GDP with more investments is easier than changing the shape of the economy to make it more inclusive while increasing its size. A new paradigm of economic science and policy is required, the development of which has become essential for humanity's survival in this millennium. India should lead the way in the G-20 and beyond.

India's groundwater governance is in better shape

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Data show that India, with nearly 18% of the world's population, occupies about 2.4% of the total geographical area and consumes 4% of total water resources. A World Bank report says that India is the largest groundwater user. A rapidly growing economy and population are straining the country's groundwater resources.

As a vast country, India has distinct and varying hydro-geological settings. Groundwater is the backbone of India's agriculture and drinking water security in rural and urban areas, meeting nearly 80% of the country's drinking water and two-thirds of its irrigation needs. Groundwater is pivotal to India's water security. The fact that the theme of UN World Water Day 2022 was 'Groundwater, Making the Invisible Visible' is a reflection of the importance given to the resource across the globe.

The central government is working to achieve the goal of sustainable groundwater management in collaboration with States and Union Territories. In this process, certain important deliverables have been identified that include a reduction in groundwater extraction to below 70%, increasing the network of groundwater observation wells, installing digital water level recorders for real-time monitoring, periodic monitoring of groundwater quality, aquifer mapping and data dissemination, having better regulation of groundwater extraction by industries, and promoting participatory groundwater management and even periodic groundwater resource assessment.

In May 2019, a much-needed step of policy reform was done under the leadership of the Prime Minister with the creation of Jal Shakti Ministry (a merger of the erstwhile Ministries of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation along with Drinking Water and Sanitation). This was to give impetus to the management of water resources with special focus on demand and supply management. Realising the importance of community participation, the Jal Shakti Abhiyan was launched subsequently to transform Jan Shakti into Jal Shakti through asset creation, rainwater harvesting ('Catch the Rain' campaign) and extensive awareness campaign.

> The government's interventions for better and scientific management of the groundwater situation in India reflect the spirit of cooperative federalism in managing a precious resource

A scientific approach

Initiatives have also been taken for the effective management and regulation of groundwater, examples being the Atal Bhujal Yojana (ABY) and the National Project on Aquifer Management (NAQUIM). With the goal of "participatory groundwater management", ABY looks to inculcate behavioural change made possible by incentivisation. NAQUIM, which is nearing completion, envisages the mapping of sub-surface water bearing geological formations (aquifers) to help gather authentic data and enable informed decision-making. Around 24 lakh square kilometres of the country has been mapped from the available mappable area of nearly 25 lakh sq. km. A heli-borne based survey (state-of-the-art technology), has also been used along with traditional exploratory methods for rapid and accurate aquifer mapping. The remaining area is likely to be mapped by March 2023. Region-wise aquifer management plans are being prepared and shared with States.

There are around 65,025 monitoring stations in India, which include 7,885 automated stations. The numbers are set to go beyond 84,000; in this, the number of automated stations will rise to over 35,000, with a special focus on identified high groundwater extracting industrial and urban clusters and groundwater stressed regions. Besides other quality-related exercises, samples from fixed locations are obtained to check for the presence of heavy and trace metals. Dynamic groundwater assessments will be done annually now and a groundwater estimation committee formed to revise the assessment methodology. A software, 'India-Groundwater Resource Estimation System (IN-GRES)', has also been developed.

The completion of groundwater assessment in 2022 in about five months (against the two to three years) shows that a time-bound and scientific approach is being adopted to monitor precious water resources. The findings of the groundwater assessment also indicate a positive inclination in the management of groundwater.

According to the latest assessment, there has been a 3% reduction in the number of 'overexploited' groundwater units and a 4% increase in the number of 'safe' category units as compared to 2017. There was an improvement in groundwater conditions in 909 units. The assessment also showed a reduction in annual extraction (of about 9.53 billion cubic meters); the data for irrigation, industrial and domestic use, respectively, is 208.49 BCM, 3.64 BCM and 27.05 BCM. Overall extraction saw a declining trend, of about 3.25% since 2017.

Some of this success may be attributed to implementation of comprehensive groundwater guidelines in 2020 for regulation in various sectors and making the processes of issuing a no-objection certificate transparent and time-bound using a web-based application. The government's interventions in enabling a positive impact on the overall groundwater scenario in India, reflect the spirit of cooperative federalism in managing this precious resource. That around 9.37 BCM of additional groundwater potential was created through artificial water conservation structures is an example of this impact.

Need for source sustainability

As one of the fastest growing economies, India will need adequate groundwater resources to manage anthropogenic pressures. It is important to ensure source sustainability to provide safe drinking water to all rural households by 2024, under the Jal Jeevan Mission.

Communities will have to manage their groundwater resources better with the help of various government agencies and non-governmental organisations. In the context of climate change, as uncertainties will increase with connection with groundwater resources, efforts must be made to find solutions that are essential for sustainable development. The groundwater resource assessment report 2022 shows a brighter future for groundwater situations in the country as the initiatives taken by various governments have begun yielding results. This is a new beginning and steps must be taken to make India a water surplus nation, thus fulfilling the objective of a key United Nations Sustainable Development Goal, of water for all.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The President's address

The address by the President of India Droupadi Murmu to the nation on the eve of the 74th Republic Day, advocating inclusivity and pluralism, has come at an apt time.

The office of the President is unique and unparalleled, as it is the only constitutional head (except the Governor) who/that swears "to devote to the service and well-being of the people of India", as elaborated in Article 60. It is an office too high to be diluted by party politics and narrow-mindedness. The address of the President deserves an ovation. Now, it is up to 'we the people of India' to keep alive and intact the values and ideals that our founding fathers have aspired for.

Andrew Kap Lian Gualnam,
Churachandpur, Manipur

R-Day celebrations

The Republic Day parade which highlighted the country's military strength, its self-sufficiency and also the role of women in the armed forces, is sure to be relished by all. It is fitting that a woman President was a part of the ceremonies and function. The parade will send out a strong message.

A.J. Rangarajan,
Chennai

The visit of the Egyptian President to India as the chief guest of this year's Republic Day celebrations has further strengthened the bonhomie between India and Egypt. Egypt has now positioned itself as a key linking state between West Asia and North Africa. While the western powers consider Egypt to be a force for stability in a region buffeted by dreaded terror outfits, India perceives the deeper engagement with Egypt as a key to strengthening its relationship with the Arab world. There is no doubt that the strategic partnership between India and Egypt could enable both countries to work together against global terrorism.

M. Jeyaram,
Sholavandan, Tamil Nadu

It is unfortunate that the discord between the Telangana Governor and the Telangana Chief Minister came in the way of Republic Day celebrations in the State. The Chief Minister ought to have attended the function at Raj Bhavan as it is a programme that is a celebration of Indians being given the Constitution by our forebears. Skipping a key event associated with the day is one way of disrespecting the Constitution.

P. Victor Selvaraj,
Palayamkottai, Tamil Nadu

Following the 'face-off' between the Tamil Nadu Governor and the Tamil Nadu Chief Minister in the Tamil Nadu Assembly, it was anticipated that there would be tensions at the Republic Day parade. It is good that some wisdom prevailed and that importance was given to duty, dignity and discipline. It is most unfortunate that the opposite happened in Telangana.

N. Vijayaraghavan,
Bengaluru

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The Karnataka Police stop Maharashtra leaders from entering Belagavi district in Karnataka. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Invisible boundaries, visible apathy

The boundary disputes between Karnataka and Maharashtra go back decades and continue to flare up every now and then. **Rishikesh Bahadur Desai** travels to the border areas and finds that livelihood issues overweigh linguistic concerns even as politics continues to play out in multiple ways

Parthenahalli village, located on the Karnataka-Maharashtra border, is the last large settlement on the Athani-Jath road before the crossover into Gugwad village in Maharashtra. The signboards of shops in these villages are in both Kannada and Marathi. Sadashiv Jadhav runs a plant nursery in a portion of his three-acre sugar cane farm. He has one board in Kannada on the Athani road and another in Marathi on the way to Jath. Most people in the region can easily switch between the two languages with ease.

When the Maharashtra Ekikaran Samiti (MES), a linguistic sociopolitical committee based out of Belagavi city, demanded the merger of Belagavi and other Marathi-speaking areas with Maharashtra, it was Jath taluk that Karnataka Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai spoke of, claiming that the residents of the taluk's 40 villages had expressed their desire to join Karnataka as they were Kannada speakers.

Many people in the region, which has often seen Kannada-Marathi linguistic sentiments reaching a flash point, say they want to join Karnataka – not because they are Kannada speakers, but because of the lack of development in the region. They hope that a merger with Karnataka might change the region for the better.

Decades-old dispute

Maharashtra and Karnataka have locked horns in a legal fight over their boundaries for decades. Maharashtra claims that 865 villages and five urban areas in four districts of Karnataka are mostly Marathi-speaking and need to be merged with Maharashtra. Belagavi city is among the five urban areas sought by Maharashtra.

Maharashtra objected to the recommendations of the second State Reorganisation Commission in 1956, headed by Justice Fazal Ali, which placed Belagavi in Karnataka and other surrounding towns in Maharashtra. It demanded the constitution of a commission to reconsider the recommendations. Ten years later, the Union government formed a commission headed by Justice Mehr Chand Mahajan, a former Supreme Court judge. The Mahajan Commission agreed with the principle that people speaking one language should be grouped together. It came up with a swap formula to trade some Kannada-speaking areas such as Solapur, Jath and Akkalkot in Maharashtra for some Marathi-speaking areas in Karnataka. The Commission said 262 villages in Karnataka had more Marathi speakers than Kannada speakers and 247 villages in Maharashtra had more Kannada speakers than Marathi speakers. It mandated that if Maharashtra got 262 villages and towns such as Nipani, Khanapur and Nandagad from Karnataka, then the State should hand over 247 villages and towns including Solapur to Karnataka. However, it did not agree with the demand that Belagavi city should be merged with Maharashtra. When the Commission report was published in 1967, Karnataka accepted it, but Maharashtra rejected it.

Over the years, this issue has been raised by Marathi groups and political parties, including the MES, every now and then. In 2004, the Maharashtra government approached the Supreme Court asking it to quash the States Reorganisation Act saying it was unconstitutional, and wanted the Union government to reject the Mahajan Commission recommendations.

> The movement may be politically motivated or issue-based, but it has turned the attention of the government in Mumbai and Sangli towards us.
>
> **SURESH KASHINATH KUTRE**
> Sarpanch of the Tilyal gram panchayat

In October 2022, a few months after the Shiv Sena (Shinde faction)-BJP government came to power in Maharashtra, some leaders from the Shiv Sena (Uddhav Balasaheb Thackeray) faction raised the issue of merging Belagavi with Maharashtra. This led to some law-and-order disturbances in Kolhapur. Bommai responded to this demand saying Kannada-speaking areas including Jath and Akkalkot in Maharashtra should be merged with Karnataka. He even claimed that residents of 42 villages had contacted him seeking inclusion in Karnataka.

On December 19, the first day of the winter session of the Karnataka Assembly, the Belagavi district administration did not permit the MES rally. Officers have barred the entry of Maharashtra leaders such as MP Dhairyasheel Mane into Belagavi to stop them from participating in events organised by MES.

Larger livelihood issues

While politics continues to play out in multiple ways, livelihood issues far override linguistic ones on the ground in boundary areas.

At the government primary school in Gugawad village in Maharashtra, the medium of instruction is Kannada. The school lies within 20 kilometres of the border. It has 210 students, who are mostly children of workers or small farmers. The school has a large playground protected by a stone masonry compound wall, a separate kitchen and toilet blocks. The government has also sanctioned funds for a science centre and library.

"There are an adequate number of Kannada medium schools in the region, but parents who can afford to send their children to high school and college usually choose English medium or Marathi medium schools as it helps the students' chances of employment," says a teacher in the school. Out of 10 taluks in Sangli district of Maharashtra, Jath is the only taluk where the government runs Kannada medium schools. There were 55 such schools a decade ago, but many were forced to shut down because of the lack of students or rise in the number of private schools, another teacher says.

At the panchayat samiti hall in Jath town, Mahadev Huchagonda is holding a meeting of farmers and activists. He founded the Prahar Janshakti Association to fight for the rights of Jath residents, and cites several examples of the Maharashtra government's alleged neglect of the taluk. "Jath is among the biggest taluks in Maharashtra with 140 villages. We are far away from the State capital and have suffered for long. There is no proper water supply or irrigation facility for the taluk. Extreme poverty forces farmers from half these villages to migrate to Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh to work in the sugar cane fields there. Governments of various parties have promised to remedy the situation, but nothing has been done," he says. Prahar members have held agitations and submitted memorandum to successive governments.

Students at a government primary school where the medium of instruction is Kannada, in Gugawad in Jath taluk of Maharashtra. BADIGER P.K.

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> **MAHADEV HUCHAGONDA**
> Prahar Janshakti Association

When asked what he does for a living, Huchagonda quotes lines from an Urdu ghazal that goes, "I am such a fool that I am trying to sell mirrors in an uninhabited lane." He then explains the context: "I run a borewell-digging business in Jath, one of the driest taluks in Maharashtra. What can be more hopeless than that?" In the drought of 2016, he failed to strike water at two places, even after digging for 1,600 feet. A devout Lingayat, he has pasted images and Vachanas of Sri Basaveshwara, the 12th century saint-poet of Karnataka, on the walls of his office and home. They are all in Kannada, but written in Marathi script.

Prakash Mali, a writer, says some gram panchayats had passed resolutions to join Karnataka in 1995 and 2013. "But the Maharashtra government tried to silence them. Show-cause notices were issued to the gram panchayat secretaries. They were also asked to prevent such activities in future," he says. Mali had accompanied a delegation of Jath residents to Mumbai in 2013 and met the then Chief Minister Prithvijraj Chavan and Opposition leader Uddhav Thackeray. But no such resolutions were passed in 2022, he says.

"Every party that came to power in Maharashtra promised to bring Krishna waters to the taluk through the Mashyal lift irrigation project that is within 40 km from Jath. But no party has kept its word," says Manohar Pawar, a journalist who has covered Jath for over three decades.

Sadashiv Jadhav, farmer and an office bearer of a local Maratha association, raises other issues which he believes will be addressed if the region becomes a part of Karnataka. "There may be effective e-governance at the village levels for issue of land documents like Bhoomi kiosks, free power for irrigation pump sets, distribution of old age pension and other social security benefits, and free grain for the poor. If such facilities are available here, why would anyone want to go anywhere else," he asks.

Mahesh Karaganikar, a Shiv Sena leader, admits that the region is underdeveloped. "If anyone is saying they want to join Karnataka, it may be because they have heard from their relatives and friends in that State about welfare programmes that do not exist or are differently implemented here. Of course, they have some genuine concerns about water supply and unemployment. If these issues are addressed, people will continue to live where they live," he says. After the recent row, Maharashtra Industries Minister Uday Samant visited Jath and promised to provide water and set up industries that could provide employment.

On the Karnataka side of the border, Channabasayya Itnalmath, an Athani-based writer, points out that people do not attach a lot of significance to the language they speak. "Their life is not as dependent on which side of the border they live in as the politician wants us to believe. Every family has a daughter-in-law who speaks a language other than her marital home. Lakhs of devotees from Belagavi visit the Guddapura Danamma Devi temple in Maharashtra and an even larger number of people walk to the Saundatti Yallamma temple in Belagavi district in Karnataka thrice a year. Their conduct will not change even if the boundaries are redrawn," he says.

Everyday transactions, some disruptions

Many in the region believe that some leaders have instilled a false pride of language among the youth, which has led to hatred against other languages. Rayanagouda K. Desai, senior advocate who has been practising in the Athani court for over 44 years, recalls the language riots in Athani that claimed the lives of three people in December 1973. "I am a proud Kannadiga. But many of my clients are Marathi speakers from both sides of the boundary. Their trust in me remains language-neutral," he says. He is among the few senior lawyers who use Kannada for drafting documents and making arguments in court. "Early in my career, I began using Kannada as I felt I could be clearer and more elaborate in my pleading," he explains. Desai also speaks fluent Marathi.

People who have lived on both sides of the boundary say while the issue does not bother the residents of the two taluks much, it disrupts their lives when there is violence or blockade. R.R. Patil, a retired teacher who is based in Kagwad, has served in Karnataka as well as in Maharashtra. "Thousands of people need to cross the border daily for education, employment, healthcare or for business. They suffer in such circumstances. Recently, public transport was stopped after some people defaced buses and trucks in Kolhapur and Hirebagewadi. This caused great inconvenience to the people who cross the border everyday. We had to pay up to ₹200 to travel 17 km from Kagwad to Sangli in autos or private vans," he says.

Bhairoba Sawant rides his bike to his fields, located 6 km from his house. He crosses the bridge over the Krishna river three-four times every day. So do the labourers who work on his field. While the fields are in Rajapur in Kolhapur district in Maharashtra, his house is located in Mangawati in Karnataka's Belagavi district. But this does not seem to matter to the farmer or his workers.

Mangawati is among the scores of villages on the banks of the Krishna river, which forms the natural boundary between the two States for around 20 km. Sawant had a difficult time finding workers during the recent harvest as there was heavy police presence at the border.

Srimant Patil, former minister and MLA, has been elected from Kagwad, a small town in Athani taluk. But he chooses to live in Sangli in Maharashtra, 28 km away from his constituency. "Sitting here, it is easier for me to focus on my sugar factory and my businesses. I visit my constituency once every day. In fact, sometimes more than once. My work as a legislator is not affected at all," he says.

At Siddhanath village near Jath, which made the headlines after some youth tried to hoist a Kannada flag demanding that they want to join Karnataka, the same post now has a Marathi film poster tied to it. The flag, tied to a bamboo pole outside the gram panchayat office, was removed by the police in a few hours. "I was in the group that hoisted the flag that day," recalls Birju Sindhe, the Sarpanch. He is no longer keen on merging his village with Karnataka. Suresh Kashinath Kutre, Sarpanch of the Tilyal gram panchayat, says Sindhe had assured a delegation of leaders from Jath that ₹2,000 crore would be released for irrigation projects in Jath. He has also assured them that a tender document would be released.

"We are hopeful that the Chief Minister will keep his word. If that happens, no one will ever speak of joining Karnataka. The movement may be politically motivated or issue-based, but it has turned the attention of the government in Mumbai and Sangli towards us. And that happened because the Karnataka Chief Minister raised our issue at the national level. We are happy and thankful for that," says Kutre, whose family members live in the villages of Karnataka. "We will, however, continue to speak both the languages. That is for sure."

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India sends notice to Pak. to amend IWT

Sources said that the clarification of the dispute mechanism was at the top of the agenda for renegotiation, adding that new inter-governmental negotiations on the IWT would be an opportunity to incorporate the "lessons learned" since 1960.

"The initiation of two simultaneous processes on the same questions and the potential of their inconsistent or contradictory outcomes creates an unprecedented and legally untenable situation, which risks endangering IWT itself," the sources said, adding that "Pakistan's actions have adversely impinged on the provisions of IWT and their implementation, and forced India to issue an appropriate notice for modification of IWT."

'Diversionary move'

When asked, Pakistan's Foreign Affairs Ministry (MFA) said that the Indian reports on the notice were "diversionary" and that the Court of Arbitration had been set up "under the relevant provisions of the IWT".

"As we speak, a Court of Arbitration is holding its first hearing in The Hague on Pakistan's objections to the Kishenganga and Ratle Hydroelectric Projects," Pakistan's MFA spokesperson Mumtaz Zahra Baloch told reporters on Friday.

The World Bank declined to comment on the latest move by India. However, a World Bank statement on its current position, given to *The Hindu*, said that the World Bank had acted as "mandated by the treaty and that the preservation of the IWT is one of its "highest priorities".

In October 2022, the World Bank had appointed neutral expert Michael Lino, and another expert Sean Murphy, as Chairman of the Court of Arbitration, and convened meetings with Indian and Pakistani officials in November to "handover" the process.

Treaty crucial for peace, development

"The Treaty has been a profoundly important international agreement in support of peace and development for South Asia and has been hailed as one of the most successful transboundary water management treaties in the world," the World Bank said. The Indus treaty, that divided up the six Himalayan rivers equally between India and Pakistan, allows India the unrestricted use of all water from the 3 eastern tributaries of the Indus river (Sutlej, Beas and Ravi) while Pakistan receives use of the western tributaries (Indus or Sindhu, Jhelum and Chenab).

Pakistan had first raised objections to India's construction of the 330 MW Kishenganga hydroelectric project on the Jhelum river back in 2006, and then objected to plans to construct the 850 MW Ratle Hydroelectric Project on the Chenab river as well. Both India and Pakistan differred on whether the technical details of the hydel projects conformed with the treaty, given that the Jhelum and Chenab were part of the "western tributaries".

Dispute resolution process

According to Article IX of the treaty that deals with the "Settlement of Differences and Disputes", there are three possible steps to decide on objections raised by either side: working within the "Permanent Indus Commission" (PIC) of the Indian and Pakistani delegation of water experts that meet regularly; consulting a World Bank-appointed neutral expert: or setting up a court process to adjudicate the case through the World Bank and the Permanent Court of Arbitrage (PCA). However, while India has held that each step must be fully exhausted before both sides agree to moving on to the next step, Pakistan had moved on without waiting for India's concurrence. The neutral expert last met with Indian and Pakistani negotiators in November 2022, while the Permanent Indus Water Commission last met in Delhi in May 2022, and is due to be held in Lahore this year.

Rahul alleges security breach in Kashmir

"I'm witness to this. The outer ring of the cordon which was maintained by J&K Police simply vanished within minutes of Rahul Gandhi starting to walk," said Mr. Abdullah.

"Security has been mishandled by concerned agencies. For the last 15 minutes, there have been no security officers here. This is a serious lapse. They [police] have to give an explanation for this," Congress leader K.C. Venugopal said.

Earlier in the day, the Gandhi scion, wearing his yatra's signature white T-shirt, had resumed the Bharat Jodo Yatra (BJY) in sub-zero temperatures at Banihal. He then crossed the Navyug Tunnel to reach the first town of the Kashmir Valley, Qazigund in Anantnag.

No lapse, say police

The J&K Police refuted the allegations of a security breach. "Only authorised persons as identified by organisers and frisked crowd were allowed inside, towards the route of the yatra. Organisers and managers of the BJY did not intimate about the large gathering from Banihal joining the yatra," the J&K Police said.

The police said full security arrangements were in place, including 15 companies of Central Armed Police Forces and 10 companies of J&K Police, comprising road opening parties and quick response teams, route domination, and lateral deployment. "The police were not consulted before taking any decision on discontinuation of the [on-foot] yatra... There was no security lapse at all," a police spokesman said.

RBI, SEBI should probe charges against Adani Group, say Congress, CPI

Exposure of LIC, SBI to the conglomerate will have implications for the country's financial stability and crores of depositors, says Jairam Ramesh; CPI's D. Raja demands answers from Prime Minister

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Congress on Friday demanded a "serious investigation" by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) into a report by the U.S. based short-seller Hindenburg Research that accused the Adani Group of "brazen stock manipulation and accounting fraud".

Jairam Ramesh, Congress general secretary in charge of communication, said in a statement that exposure of financial institutions such as Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) and State Bank of India (SBI) to the Adani Group would have implications for the country's financial stability and crores of depositors "whose savings are stewarded by these pillars of the financial system".

"Normally a political party should not be reacting to a research report on an individual company or business group prepared by a hedge fund. But the forensic analysis by Hindenburg Research of the Adani Group demands a response from the Congress party," he said, adding, "This is because the Adani Group is no ordinary conglomerate: it is closely identified with Prime Minister Narendra Modi since the time he was Chief Minister."

The Adani Group has said that the charges against it were "malicious, unsubstantiated, one-sided, and was timed to ruin the public listing of its shares".

"The allegations require serious investigation by those who are responsible for the stability and security of the Indian financial system, viz. the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)," Mr. Ramesh said.

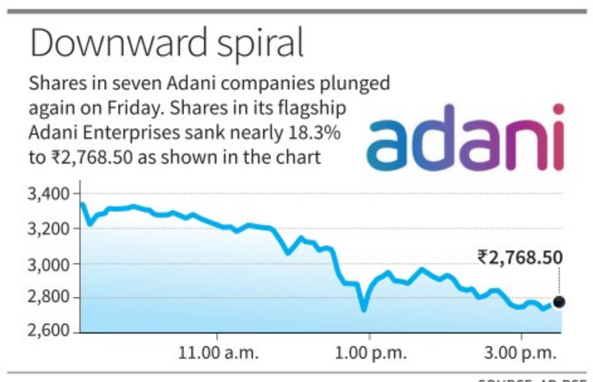
"The allegations of financial malfeasance would be bad enough, but what is worse is that the Modi government may have exposed India's financial system to systemic risks through the liberal investments in the Adani Group made by strategic state entities like LIC, SBI and other public sector banks," he added.

The Congress leader said that as much as 8% of LIC's equity assets under management, amounting to a sum of ₹74,000 crore, were invested in the Adani Group of companies, while public sector banks had lent to the Adani Group twice as much as the private banks, with 40% lending being done by the SBI.

"Indians are increasingly aware of how the rise of Modi's cronies has exacerbated the problem of inequality, but need to understand how this has been financed by their own hard-earned savings," said Mr. Ramesh.

Lok Sabha member Manish Tewari said on Twitter that if the Hindenburg report was even partially correct, "it merits both a Joint Parliamentary Committee – much like the 1992 JPC & a Supreme Court Monitored investigation to get to the bottom of the matter. The Budget Session of Parliament begins 31st Jan 2023".

Communist Party of India general secretary D. Raja said the policies pursued by the Narendra Modi government had resulted in corporate houses such as the Adani Group getting control over seaports, airports and other public sector undertakings. "Now, this report has exposed everything. Prime Minister Modi must explain to the nation and there must be a thorough investigation," Mr. Raja told *The Hindu*.



SOURCE: AP, BSE

Adani Group rout hits banking stocks, LIC; drags Sensex lower

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MUMBAI

The benchmark S&P BSE Sensex slid 1.5% on Friday dragged down by banking stocks on investor fears that a short-seller-triggered rout in Adani Group stocks could impact lenders with a substantial exposure to the ports-to-commodities conglomerate.

The Sensex fell 874.16 points to 59,330.90, with State Bank of India leading the losses (5.03%). ICICI Bank dropped 4.41%, IndusInd Bank 3.43%, Axis Bank 2.07% and Kotak Mahindra Bank 2.03%. The NSE Nifty-50 index too declined 287.60 points, 1.6%, to 17,604.35.

Several Adani Group stocks hit the 20% lower circuit, while flagship Adani Enterprises, which opened a ₹20,000-crore follow-on public offer on Friday, slumped 18.5% to ₹2,762.15 on the BSE. LIC, which some media reports have said had an exposure of about ₹70,000 crore to the Adani Group, also bore the brunt with the stock sliding 3.45%.

"Despite the optimistic results announced by the blue chips, this week's market sentiment suddenly got dampened by the unfavourable research report on Asia's richest promoter Group [Adani] companies," said Vinod Nair, Head of Research at Geojit Financial Services. "The same is... affecting banking stocks, despite their positive results owing to high group lending," he added.

"The market appeared to be uneasy ahead of the upcoming Union Budget and Fed meeting, and Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) were selling as funds are being shifted to other emerging markets because of [more] attractive valuations," he said.

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Take your own decisions or JD(U) will be destroyed soon, Kushwaha warns Nitish

Amit Bhelari
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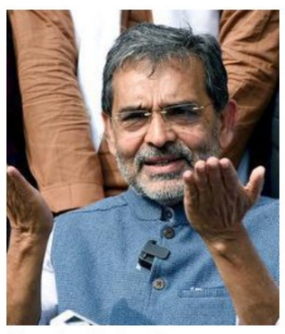

Upendra Kushwaha

The rift between Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar and JD(U) Parliamentary Board chief Upendra Kushwaha widened on Friday, with the MLC warning that the party would be doomed if Mr. Kumar failed to take his own decisions.

"If Nitish*ji* keeps acting on the instructions of others, the party will be destroyed soon. He must be able to distinguish between his own people and those whose loyalties lie elsewhere," Mr. Kushwaha said at a press conference in Patna.

The statement came a day after Mr. Kushwaha reacted to Mr. Kumar's remark that he was "free to quit the party" by saying that he would not leave without his share in the "ancestral property".

He said Mr. Kumar had accused him of "leaving and joining" the JD(U) several times but he never returned on his own and Mr. Kumar had requested him to join the party on previous occasions. "Whenever Nitish*ji* became weak, he called me. I never approached him to return to the party," he said.

There has been speculation about Mr. Kushwaha exploring possibilities of returning to the BJP-led National Democratic Alliance, with Mr. Kumar hinting at handing over the mantle of the *mahagatbandhan* government to Deputy Chief Minister Tejashwi Yadav and ruling out another Deputy CM in the State.

Mr. Kushwaha, who merged his Rashtriya Lok Samata Party with the JD (U) in 2021, also reminded Mr. Kumar that "95% of the party's current leaders are turncoats, including the national president [Rajiv Ranjan Singh, alias Lalan Singh]".

He accused Mr. Kumar of not being able to spare five minutes over the past two years to discuss the party's functioning with him. "He never called me to discuss anything about the party. Many leaders spend 30 days of the month with him, but he does not have time to meet me. I can swear on my child that whatever I am speaking is true," he said.

Reacting to the allegations, Mr. Kumar said, "I have always respected him and I am shocked at his statements. People are free to go anywhere in politics."

Omar Abdullah joins Bharat Jodo Yatra in Kashmir, says it is for image of the country

Peerzada Ashiq
SRINAGAR

Joining hands: Rahul Gandhi and Omar Abdullah during the Bharat Jodo Yatra at Banihal in Kashmir on Friday. NISSAR AHMAD

Former Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister and National Conference (NC) vice-president Omar Abdullah joined the Bharat Jodo Yatra here on Friday.

Mr. Abdullah walked with Mr. Gandhi as the yatra arrived at Qazigund, the gateway of the Kashmir Valley. "We have not joined this [yatra] for the image of an individual but for the image of the country," Mr. Abdullah said.

Targeting the BJP, he said, "First time since Independence, the ruling party does not have a single MP from the Muslim community." Highlighting that J&K had not seen Assembly elections for eight years now, Mr. Abdullah said, "This is the longest period between two elections. It was not the case even at the peak of militancy."

Congress spokesman Jairam Ramesh said political issues like the fate of Article 370 and the Gupkar Alliance need not be dealt with by the party during the yatra, as it was about "listening to the grievances of the marginalised people". "We want to apprise the country about the larger threats posed by the present regime. The Congress thinks there are three main issues that pose a threat to its democracy," Mr. Ramesh said.

He said the first threat was posed by bad economic policies resulting in unemployment and inflation, and selling of public sector units to one businessman.

The second was the RSS-BJP's divisive politics in the name of religion, language and region. Thirdly, there was an undeclared emergency and dictatorship of one person. Parliament had been sidelined as no discussion was allowed, for example, on the Ladakh situation. The Constitution had been sidelined as the Judiciary was being forced to become an organ of the regime, he said.

Delhi Mayor election: SC to hear plea on February 3

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Friday agreed to list on February 3 a petition filed by the Aam Aadmi Party's Mayoral candidate, Shelly Oberoi, seeking a time-bound conduct of the Mayoral election of the Municipal Corporation of Delhi. The petition was orally mentioned before Chief Justice of India D.Y. Chandrachud by senior advocate A.M. Singhvi, appearing for Ms. Oberoi.

14 U.P. Mayors approach SC seeking extension of tenure

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

HC had told State to form committees in places where tenures of elected bodies had expired

The Supreme Court on Friday allowed a group of 14 Mayors from Uttar Pradesh to intervene in a case concerning the holding of local body elections in the State.

The Mayors approached the court to allow them to continue in office till their successors are elected.

The court had, on January 4, stayed an Allahabad High Court direction to the Uttar Pradesh government and the Election Commission to hold local body elections without reservation for Other Backward Classes (OBC).

The same order saw a Bench led by Chief Justice of India D.Y. Chandrachud give the Uttar Pradesh government's Dedicated Backward Classes Commission time till March 31, 2023 to conduct a "contemporaneous rigorous empirical investigation", in accordance with the triple-test conditions laid down by the Supreme Court, to identify backward classes who need political representation in the State.

The Bench had also adopted the High Court's direction to the State to form three-member committees headed by District Magistrates in places where the tenures of the elected bodies had expired.

The tenures of office-bearers in several municipalities are expiring by the end of January.

Ban on documentary: students step up stir in Delhi, 24 detained

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Days after protests broke out at Jawaharlal Nehru University and Jamia Millia Islamia over the screening of a BBC documentary on Prime Minister Narendra Modi, students from Delhi University (DU) and Ambedkar University on Friday protested against the ban on the screening of the film.

Nearly 24 students and activists belonging to the National Students' Union of India (NSUI) were detained outside DU's Arts Faculty, the police said. They were released by evening.

An officer said Section 144 of the Cr.P.C. was imposed in the area to maintain law and order and large gatherings had been restricted. Rajni Abbi, DU's proctor, said the police would take action as necessary. "No permission was sought from us, we didn't give any, students continued to protest," Ms. Abbi said.

Former Odisha CM Gamang and ex-legislators join BRS

KCR's party is trying to tap the Telugu-speaking voters in southern districts of Odisha; its entry is likely to appeal to the farming community the most, especially in the coastal region

Satyasundar Barik
BHUBANESWAR

Several political leaders, including former Odisha Chief Minister Giridhar Gamang, joined the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) on Friday, helping the party find a foothold in the eastern Indian State.

Mr. Gamang's wife Hema Gamang, a former MP, and Odisha's former legislators – Navin Nanda, Ratha Das, Arjun Das, Raghav Sethi, Brundaban Majhi – and Navnirman Krushak Sangathan (NKS) leader Akshay Kumar and Sesadev Nanda were also inducted into the party.

Political commentators are divided on whether the BRS would impact Odisha's political landscape. While the strategy adopted by the BRS to expand its footprint in Odisha appears to be well-reasoned, it remains to be seen if it will bear dividends amid the political clout held by parties such as the Biju Janata Dal (BJD), the Congress and the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP).

At the heart of the strategy is the plan to tap Telugu-speaking voters in southern Odisha districts and attract the farming community with the 'Telangana model' that promises free electricity, annual crop assistance and death benefits for farmers.

New friends: K. Chandrasekhar Rao welcomes Giridhar Gamang into the BRS fold in Hyderabad on Friday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Language politics

There is a sizeable Telugu-speaking population in eight districts, mostly in the southern region. While the political influence of Mr. Gamang, and former Koraput MP Jayaram Pangi (who recently joined the party) may have considerably diminished from what it was during their prime, they continue to be prominent tribal faces in Koraput and Rayagada districts.

"If a fraction of tribal votes and Telugu-speaking votes come together in Koraput, Rayagada, Malkangiri and Gajapati districts, the BRS certainly [will be] a force to reckon with. I am sure that the BRS would deploy its top leader to establish communication with Telugu-speaking leaders in the region," said Rabi Dash, a veteran journalist and political commentator.

The BRS' entry into Odisha politics is likely to appeal to the farming community the most.

In the past decade, Navnirman Krushak Sangathan has been very active in the coastal districts of Odisha, organising rallies and staging demonstrations with the demand for an increase in minimum support price for farm produces and a fixed salary for the farmers.

Attracting farmers

"What we have been demanding for farmers in Odisha for years is actually being implemented in the State of Telangana. During our farmer agitation in Odisha, we were ill-treated and attacked by police. To realise our dream, we think the BRS is the only political party which is serious about farmers," said Mr. Kumar, convener of NKS.

"We identify ourselves with the slogan of the BRS – *Abki baar kissan sarkar*. If Telangana can give electricity free of cost, crop assistance of ₹10,000 per acre and ex-gratia to next in the family of a farmer in the event of death, why can't other States do the same?" he asked.

(With PTI inputs)

Tripura polls: Tipra Motha will not ally with anyone, says chief of tribal party

Sobhana K. Nair
NEW DELHI

Ending days of speculation, Pradyot Manikya Debbarma, chief of Tripura's tribal party Tipra Motha, announced on Friday that his party would not be allying with any formation ahead of next month's Assembly elections, without a written assurance accepting their demand for Greater Tipraland.

Both the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and Left-led alliances were keen on having Tipra Motha on board. The party had also negotiated with both sides, including a dialogue with Home Minister Amit Shah and Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma in New Delhi.

"There will be no compromise on our demand. I can't betray our cause and our people," Mr. Debbarma said in a video message.

He said that the only reason he and his party officials went to Delhi was to hear the government's stand.

"They didn't give us anything in writing. So let me state this unequivocally: there will be no alliance in this election," emphasised Mr. Debbarma.

Pradyot Manikya Debbarma

He added that Tipra Motha would announce the names of its own candidates for the election.

Call for separate State

The demand for Greater Tipraland includes the region under the Tripura Tribal Areas Autonomous District Council (TTADC) as well as 36 other villages within Tripura State boundaries.

Tipra Motha is demanding that this area should be carved out as a separate State or a Union Territory. The TTADC currently receives 2% of the Tripura budget, although it contains 40% of the State's population, Mr. Debbarma claimed.

This demand was non-negotiable for any alliance, declared Mr. Debbarma. Many doubted him, he said, noting that it was only natural since many regional parties from Tripura had made trips to New Delhi in the last 46 years, returning with some sort of agreement ahead of an election.

But after the election, Tripura would get nothing, he said.

"We shall fight this election to defeat those who are against our demand. Be ready, we may win or lose, but we shall have one last fight," Mr. Debbarma asserted.

The Left was amenable to the demand, although their ally, the Congress, was uncomfortable with it, arguing that it would trigger similar demands in several other States.

By contesting alone, Tipra Motha could affect Indigenous People's Front of Tripura's (IPFT) electoral fortunes. Tipra Motha, which recently won the Council election in the State, could dislodge IPFT, thus affecting the BJP.

BJP leaders meet to select candidates for Tripura

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

Bharatiya Janata Party's Central Election Committee (CEC), including Prime Minister Narendra Modi, met at the party headquarters here on Friday to finalise the names of the candidates for the upcoming Tripura Assembly polls.

The meeting was attended by BJP president J.P. Nadda, senior party leaders and Union Ministers Rajnath Singh and Amit Shah, and Tripura Chief Minister Manik Saha, among others.

Seat-wise discussions were held to finalise the candidates' names for the February 16 Assembly polls.

The meeting lasted for more than three hours.

Left leaders join BJP

CPI(M) MLA Moboshar Ali and former MLA Subal Bhowmik, both from Tripura, joined the BJP in the party headquarters in New Delhi on Friday.

Both lauded the BJP and claimed that the State had seen development in many sectors under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership. The two MLAs joined the party in the presence of Mr. Saha and several other BJP leaders, including Sambit Patra and Mahesh Sharma, who were handling its affairs in the State, besides its chief spokesperson Anil Baluni.

Mr. Saha said that Mr. Modi's "act east" policy had impressed everyone in the northeastern region.

The people's support was with the BJP and it would again form the government, he added.

The Assembly polls in the State are scheduled for February 16. The counting of votes will be taken up on March 2.

Centre names officials to hear appeals by social media users

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology on Friday notified nine officials to act as members of Grievance Appellate Committees – set up by the Union government under a 2022 amendment to the IT Rules, 2021 – to hear appeals made by social media users.

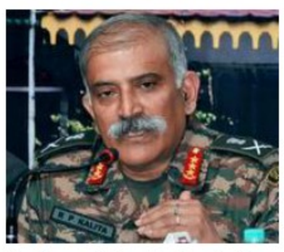
Three members have been appointed to each of the three committees. They are: the Chief Executive Officer of the Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (I4C), retired IPS officer Ashutosh Shukla and former Chief General Manager and Chief Information Officer of Punjab National Bank; the Joint Secretary in charge of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting's Policy and Administrative Division, retired Commodore Sunil Kumar Gupta and Kavindra Sharma, former Vice President (Consulting) of L&T Infotech Limited; and Kavita Bhatia, scientist in the IT Ministry, retired Indian Railway Traffic Service officer Sanjay Goel and former Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of IDBI Intech Limited Krishnagiri Ragothamarao Murali Mohan.

'130 model villages proposed in areas along the eastern border'

Shiv Sahay Singh
KOLKATA

Observing that the situation along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in Sikkim and Arunachal Pradesh remains stable but unpredictable, Lt. General Rana Pratap Kalita, General Officer Commanding-in-Chief Eastern Command, on Friday said that there is a proposal of developing 130 villages in the Eastern Theatre as model villages in areas along the border.

"Work has started in two-three villages, Kaho (in Eastern Arunachal Pradesh) to be specific. Similarly all across the eastern theatre, we have identified 130 villages and a similar number, lesser or more, has been identified in eastern Ladakh, Himachal and Uttarakhand," Lt. Gen Kalita said in an interaction with presspersons at Press Club, Kolkata.



Lt. General Rana Pratap Kalita

He said the initiative of model villages was announced in the last year's Union Budget and it is an ongoing process aimed to ensure that there is no migration from border villages in search of livelihood

The remarks by Lt. Gen Kalita are crucial as it comes when there are reports of China expanding its chain of model villages close to the LAC, opposite Uttarakhand, Sikkim and Arunachal Pradesh.

"The whole problem stems from the fact that the border between India and China in Sikkim and Arunachal Pradesh is not clearly demarcated. So there are different perceptions about the LAC which leads to escalation at times," Lt. General Kalita added.

He said the internal situation in the entire northeast has improved quite a lot in recent years.

Defence Secretary Giridhar Aramane faces ire of veterans

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Defence Secretary Giridhar Aramane was at the receiving end of the veterans community on Friday as visuals of him with hands in pocket and with sunglasses at the National War Memorial (NWM) waiting for Prime Minister Narendra Modi's arrival along with three Service Chiefs and Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Republic Day went viral on social media.

"There is a man apart," said former Army Chief Gen. Ved Mallik, posting the video on Twitter on Friday morning.

Later in the day, he said, "The Defence Secretary rang up and clarified that RM, CDS, three Chiefs and Giridhar Aramane were waiting at the War Memorial for the PM. He has total respect for the National Flag and all soldiers killed in actions. Matter stands closed."

"The General is right and justified in his observation. You have no idea about the customs and traditions of the Armed Forces. Forget everything else; educated people know fully well how to respect martyrs. It needs no formal teaching," Lt. Gen. Syed Ata Hasnain (Retd) said.

PARADIP PORT AUTHORITY
MARINE DEPARTMENT
No.MD/SHS/TECH-16/2022/93,Dated:23.01.2023
Third Corrigendum to e-Tender Call Notice No: MD/SHS/TECH-16/2022/1252 Dt.18.11.2022
Name of the Work : " Maintenance dredging of 9.5 Million M³ quantity from Approach Channel Entrance Channel, Turning Circle, Docks, Sand Trap of Paradip Port Authority for one year i.e. for the year 2023-24 including Mobilization/De-mobilization extendable for one more year i.e. for the year 2024-25 with same rates, terms and conditions as required by PPA ". Estimated Cost : Rs.158.00 Crores Plus GST. With reference to the above tender, the date & time for submission and opening of tender through on-line bidding is hereby extended as follows: Last Date & Time for Submission of Bids :1500 hours on Dt.08.02.2023. Date & Time for Opening of Tech. Bids : 1500 hours on Dt.09.02.2023. For further details, please log on to the Website: https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app . Dy. Conservator, PPA
PPA/PR/221/2022-23, Dt.25.1.2023

E-mail :- acezoneii@yahoo.com/acejaipur2.pwd-rj
Additional Chief Engineer P.W.D. Zone-II, Jaipur
PWD Campus, Jacob Road, Jaipur
Phone :- 0141-2226537 Ex.:- 299
File No. 2447 Date- 20/1/23
Short-Term NIB NO-32/2022-23
Bids for **Remaining Work for construction of ROB at LCR No. 249 on Boraj-Bandhey Ke Balaji Phulera road at Hirnoda-Kachroda village** work in Jaipur District are invited from interested bidders upto 6-00 PM on 02-02-2023. Other particulars of the bid may be visited on the procurement portal (http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, http://sppp.raj.nic.in) of the state; and http://pwd.rajasthan.gov.in. The approximate value of the procurement is Rs. 1606.53 lacs.
UBN : PWD2223WLOB15059
Addl. Chief Engineer
PWD Zone-II, Jaipur
DIPR/C/1481

GOVT OF RAJASTHAN
DIRECTORATE SPECIALLY ABLED PERSON
G 3/1 A, BEHIND RAJMAHAL HOTEL, CIVIL LINE, JAIPUR
PHONE NO:- 0141-2222267, FAX NO- 0141-2222249, E-MAIL- dir.dsap@rajasthan.gov.in
NO: f2(26)/Accounts/dsap/2022/scooty proc/29814 Jaipur, date 13/01/2023
NIB NO: 07/2022-23
Bids for Scooter (scooty) with retrofitment of estimated value INR 1200 lacs invited from interested bidders upto 03.02.2023. Other particulars of the bid may be visited on the procurement portal eproc.rajasthan.gov.in/ sppp.rajasthan.gov.in/ Department website dsap.rajasthan.gov.in
UBN: DSA2223GLRC00016
DIPR/C/1142 **COMMISSIONER CUM SECRETARY**

KERALA WATER AUTHORITY e-Tender Notice
Tender No : 69/2022-23/SE/PHC/MVPA, **Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) - JJM :** WSS TO CHAKKUPALLAM, VANDANMEDU, KARUNAPURAM AND VANDIPERIYAR PANCHAYATS IN IDUKKI DISTRICT - Providing FHTCS to households in Vandanmedu panchayath - General Civil Work, **EMD :** Rs. 500000, **Tender Fee :** Rs. 16540, **Last Date for submitting Tender :** 15-02-2023, 04:00 pm, **Phone :** 0485 2835637.
Website : **www.kwa.kerala.gov.in, www.etenders.kerala.gov.in**
Superintending Engineer,
PH Circle, Muvattupuzha
KWA-JB-GL-6-1508-2022-23

KERALA INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT FUND BOARD
KIIFB (A statutory body under Finance Department, Govt of Kerala)
EOI For LIDARS
Kerala Infrastructure Investment Fund Board (KIIFB) invites Expression of Interest (EOI) from Original Equipment Manufacturers/Authorised Indian Dealers/Suppliers having office in India for the supply of following types of Lidars.
Aerial LiDAR, Mobile LiDAR And Terrestrial LiDAR
with Tender ID number **2023_KIIFB_552285_1, 2023_KIIFB_552291_1,** and **2023_KIIFB_552296_1** respectively in **www.etenders.kerala.gov.in.** Interested firms may submit their Expression of Interest on or before **03.00 pm on 28.02.2023** and the same will be opened at **03.00 pm on 01.03.2023.**
For further details please visit
www.etenders.kerala.gov.in, https://kiifb.org/
Chief Executive Officer
KIIFB

KOCHI METRO RAIL LIMITED
(A joint venture company of Govt of India & Govt of Kerala)
4th Floor, JLN Stadium Metro Station, Kaloor, Ernakulam-682017
Ph: 0484-2846700
AUCTION NOTICE
Licensing of Optical Fibers in KMRL Network
Auction number : KMRL/O&M/MMT/2022-23/57
Auction date & time : 10.02.2023 at 15:00 hrs.
Venue : Kochi Metro Rail Limited, 2nd Floor, OCC Building, Muttom Depot, Kochi-683 106
For details visit **www.kochimetro.org**
Further corrigendum & addendum will be published only on website.

Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike
Office of the Executive Engineer, Pulikeshinagar Division, BBMP Office Building, Rebertson Road, Frazer Town, Bengaluru
No.EE/PN/TEND/25/2022-23 Date: 27-01-2023
INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER
Two Cover System
(Through GOK e-Procurement Portal Only)
The Executive Engineer, (Pulikeshinagar Division), invites tenders from eligible contractors registered in BBMP/KPWD/CPWD/Railways/MES/National Highway or any State Govt. Organisations for the construction of works detailed in the table below.

Sl. No.	Name of the Work	Approx, value of work (₹. in Lakhs)	EMD (in ₹.)
1.	Comprehensive Development of Works Road and Drain Modi Road and Cross Roads surrounding area in Ward No.61, S.K. Garden (New Ward No.78).	100.00	2,00,000/-

Calendar of Events: (1) Tender documents may be downloaded from the e-procurement portal of the Govt. of Karnataka from **01-02-2023, 4:00 p.m. (2)** Pre-Bid meeting will be held on **03-02-2023, 4:00 p.m. (3)** Tenders must be submitted online through e-procurement portal on or **before 4:00 p.m. on 10-02-2023 (4)** Technical Bids will be opened on : **13-02-2023 at 11:00 a.m.** Further particulars can be obtained from the above office during working hours on working days or from **website: https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**
Sd/-, Executive Engineer, Pulikeshinagar Division, BBMP.

OFFICE OF THE ADDITIONAL CHIEF ENGINEER, WATER RESOURCES ZONE, JAIPUR, SINCHAI BHAWAN, JLN MARG, JAIPUR- 302017, RAJASTHAN,
Email- acejpr.wr@gmail.com, Tel. & Fax No. 0141-2702353,
E-SHORT TERM NIT No. 17/2022-23
No. 8903 Date: 13/01/2023
On behalf of Governor of Rajasthan, bids are invited from eligible bidders for the "Repair and Renovation of Left Main Canal LMC and RMC 0 Km to 48 Km and its system of Bisalpur Major Irrigation Project District Tonk" Rs 3426.80 Lakh up to 06.00 PM (time) 30.01.2023 (date) and technical bid will be opened at 3:00 PM on 31.01.2023.
Other particulars of the bid may be visited on the procurement portal (http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, http://sppp.raj.nic.in) of the state.
NIB no:
UBN no: WRD2223WLOBO2512
Additional Chief Engineer
Water Resources Zone, Jaipur
DIPR/C/1181

ODISHA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(A Government of Odisha Undertaking)
Regd. Office: Janpath, Bhubaneswar-751022
CIN:U40102OR2004SGC007553
TENDER ALERT
1) E-Tender Call Notice No.ED-SZ-BAM-03/2022-23: Odisha Power Transmission Corporation Limited (OPTCL), invites bid (In e-tendering mode only) under single stage two-envelop system for Construction of 3rd Transformer bay without supply of 01 No. of 20 MVA Power Transformer at 132/33kV Grid S/s, Dabugaon at an Estimate package for 2,38,99,450/- in Nabarangapur District of Odisha on turnkey Contract basis. under ED, Southern Zone, Berhampur.
2) E-Tender Call Notice No.ED-NZ-BLS-04/2022-23: Odisha Power Transmission Corporation Limited(OPTCL), invites bid (In e-tendering mode only) under single stage two-envelop system for **(I)** Lot-I Deployment of security Personnel in Grid Sub-stations/Offices/Stores at an Estimate package for 4,39,79,400/- . **(ii)** Lot-II Deployment of Line Patrolling personnel in Transmission Lines under Northern zone, Balasore at an Estimate package for 2,77,46,664/- .
Complete set bidding documents are available at **http:/tenderwizard.com/OPTCL** & **http://www.optcl.co.in** .
FIPR-70/2022-23
CAD-4634 OIPR-04011/11/0167/2223

KARNATAKA STATE ROAD TRANSPORT CORPORATION
Central Offices, Mechanical Engg Dept., K.H. Road, Shanthinagar, Bengaluru-560027 Tel No.: 080-22221321 EXT: 295
NOTICE INVITING SHORT TERM TENDER
TENDER NO: T-135 Dated: 27/01/2023
(Through e-procurement mode only)
(1) KSRTC invites Short Term Tender through E-Procurement Portal for supply of diesel fuelled 285 Nos. BS-VI fully built mofussil buses to North Western Karnataka Road Transport Corporation (NWKRTC).
(2) Last date for Bid Submission in e-procurement portal is on 13.02.2023 @ 17:30 Hours.
Further any addendum / corrigendum in respect of changes in calendar of events, scope, other tender terms & conditions etc., will be Uploaded / Published through e-portal only.
Note: Interested bidders need to register in the GoK e-procurement portal **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** for details. In case of further assistance, the bidders may contact e-procurement Help Desk for support Ph: 080-22230960 & 080-22234115 or email at **eprocurementhelpdesk@gmail.com**. Interested suppliers may also contact e-procurement cell for training on bid submission. E-mail to **eprocurementhelpdesk@gmail.com** for further information if required.
Sd/-,
Chief Mechanical Engineer
(Tender Inviting Authority)
DIPR/CP/LC/4348/2022-23

BHARAT DYNAMICS LIMITED
(A Government of India Enterprises)
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
GACHIBOWLI, HYDERABAD-500 032.
Ref: BDL/CC/OT/GT/010/2022-23 Dt: 28.01.2023
e-PROCUREMENT ABRIDGE TENDER NOTICE
Inviting Indigenous Competitive Bidding

Sl.No.	Tender ID	Description	Estimate in Rs.
1	64935	**Civil works for Establishment of infrastructure Facilities for EDB Propellant Plant at BDL, Erach Village, Jhansi Dist., Uttar Pradesh.**	13000 Lakh

Please visit website **https://bdltenders.abcprocure.com** for further details. Bids should be submitted online only. **"corrigendum if any shall be issued through our e-portal only and not in Newspapers"**
*Bidders are Requested to apply for online Vendor Registration in BDL website **http://172.25.1.64/bdldesign/login.php** for business prospects.
Deputy General Manager (Corp Comml)

INBRIEF

Chargesheet filed in Morbi bridge collapse case

The Gujarat Police on Friday filed a chargesheet in the Morbi bridge tragedy case, which claimed at least 140 lives in October last year. The police have named Jaysukh Patel of the Oreva Group, a local clock and electronic appliances company, as the tenth accused in the incident. It may be noted that the Oreva Group was given the contract to repair, renovate and operate the colonial era hanging bridge over the river in formerly a princely State, in Gujarat's Saurashtra region. The voluminous document running into 1,200 pages was submitted in the Session Court in Morbi. The police have so far arrested nine persons while Mr. Patel remains at large.

ED attaches ₹69.66 crore in 'fraudulent' TDS refund case

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has attached assets worth about ₹69.66 crore in Maharashtra and Karnataka in connection with the money laundering investigation into the alleged fraudulent issuance of Tax Deducted at Source (TDS) refund of ₹263 crore from the Income-Tax Department by a senior tax assistant and others. The properties include land parcels, flats and luxury cars, which are held in the name of Bhushan Anant Patil, Rajesh Shetty, Sarika Shetty, Kriti Verma and others. Earlier the agency had issued freezing orders in respect of 33 bank accounts of various entities with a balance of over ₹96.23 crore and seized ₹2.85 lakh in cash.

Hindu outfit leader, 19 others acquitted in 2014 murder case

A court in Pune in Maharashtra on Friday acquitted 20 people, including the leader of a right-wing Hindu outfit, in the 2014 murder case of a youth named Mohsin Shaikh. On June 2, 2014, an Information Technology professional Shaikh (28) was attacked and killed by a mob incensed by morphed pictures of deities in Hadapsar area. Twenty people, including a leader from the Hindu Rashtra Sena Dhananjay Desai, were arrested. Additional Sessions Judge S.B. Salunke acquitted all 20 persons for want of evidence, the HRS leader's lawyer Milind Pawar said; he had argued that Mr. Desai was in jail when the murder took place. PTI

Indian-American astronaut in line for U.S. Air Force post

Indian-American astronaut Raja J. Chari has been nominated by President Joe Biden for the appointment to the grade of Air Force brigadier general. The nomination was announced on Thursday and will have to be confirmed by the Senate, which approves all senior civilian and military appointments, according to the US Defence Department. Mr. Chari is currently serving as the Crew-3 commander and astronaut, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Johnson Space Center, Texas. Brigadier General (BG) is a one-star General Officer rank of the United States Air Force. It is just above Colonel and below Major General. PTI

Cheetah project to bring in 12 big cats from South Africa

Both countries sign a long-pending agreement that will allow for the translocation of 12 cheetahs to Madhya Pradesh's Kuno National Park; SA to send more batches for the next 8-10 years

Jacob Koshy
NEW DELHI

India and South Africa have finally signed a long-pending agreement to translocate 12 cheetahs to India, the Environment Ministry said in a statement on Friday.

The cheetahs will be transported to India by February-end and reintroduced at the Kuno National Park in Madhya Pradesh, where eight such cats were brought from Namibia in September last year under a similar agreement.

The initial batch of cheetahs from South Africa will be followed by transport of batches of 12 annually for the next "eight to 10 years", the Ministry added.

"A batch of animals has been under quarantine and ready to travel. A team from India will go to South Africa, choose the animals to be brought and accompany them. In India, our enclosures to host the animals are ready," S.P. Yadav, Director, National Tiger Conservation Authority, and a key official involved with the translocation project, told *The Hindu*.

At long last: The cheetahs were expected to arrive last year but delayed as a final deal had been held up. FILE PHOTO

"The Memorandum of Understanding on Reintroduction of Cheetah to India facilitates cooperation between the parties to establish a viable and secure cheetah population in India; promotes conservation and ensures that expertise is shared and exchanged, and capacity built, to promote cheetah conservation," the Ministry said.

The cheetahs from South Africa were expected to arrive in India last year but were delayed as a final deal had been held up, *The Hindu* reported in August.

In December, the *Press Trust of India* reported that a dozen cheetahs quarantined in South Africa for more than four months "had lost their fitness" in their wait to be flown to the Kuno National Park. Eight cheetahs, including five females, were flown from Windhoek, Namibia to Gwalior, followed by a helicopter ride to the grasslands of Kuno Palpur last September. They were released into dedicated enclosures by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Thereafter, five of the cheetahs began hunting on their own and have largely adapted to the local environment.

Pensioners question EPFO note on higher pension, seek clarity

A. M. Jigeesh
NEW DELHI

The new circular is against the Supreme Court verdict and EPFO's previous circulars, says CBT

Pensioners' organisations and members of the Central Board of Trustees (CBT) of the Employees Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) have alleged that the recent circulars of the EPFO on higher pension are against the Supreme Court verdict on the matter and previous circulars of the organisation. They questioned the EPFO's stand that the cases of employees who retired prior to September 1, 2014 without exercising any option under the paragraph 11(3) of the pre-amended Employees' Pension Scheme (EPS), 1995, and were availing higher pension on higher wages "need to be re-examined".

CBT member and general secretary of Hind Mazdoor Sabha (HMS) Harbhajan Singh Sidhu told *The Hindu* that he will raise the issue in the next meeting of the CBT scheduled in February. "We don't know the government's stand and the preparations taken by the EPFO on implementing the Supreme Court order on higher PF pension," he said. The joint meeting of about 10 central and sectoral trade unions set for January 30 may also discuss the issue.

Convener of the National Action Committee of pensioners under EPS-95, retired Commander of Indian Navy Ashok Raut said EPFO has misinterpreted the SC order. "They do not want to give higher pension for pensioners. It is very clear from their action," he said.

GoFirst to cough up ₹10 lakh for leaving 55 flyers behind

Jagriti Chandra
NEW DELHI

The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) imposed a penalty of ₹10 lakh on GoFirst for leaving behind 55 passengers at the Bengaluru airport. "There was improper communication, coordination between terminal coordinator, commercial staff and crew on boarding of passengers in the aircraft. The airline failed to ensure adequate arrangement for ground handling, preparation of load and trim sheet [documents that help in calculating maximum takeoff weight and maximum landing weight], flight dispatch and passenger/cargo handling," the DGCA said.

GoFirst later apologised, and offered passengers – left behind from the Delhi flight on January 9 – one free ticket for travel on any of its domestic flights in the next 12 months.

Tamil is the oldest language, let your chest swell with pride, says PM

Jagriti Chandra
NEW DELHI

Tamil is the oldest language of the world, and is a big treasure and source of pride, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said in his address to students at the sixth edition of the *Pariksha Pe Charcha* event held on Friday, while urging them to learn languages other than their mother tongue.

Narendra Modi

"Did you know Tamil is the oldest language of the whole world, not just of India? Shouldn't such a country be proud? We have such a big treasure, a big source of pride. Our chest should swell with pride and we must tell the world this," Mr. Modi said during the event, remarking that he had spoken in Tamil during an address at the UN General Assembly in 2019 to spread this message.

A total of 38.8 lakh registrations were received for the event; the participants chosen were students, parents, and teachers across 155 countries.

He said that if cuisines from different parts of the country could be exchanged, so could languages. "When people from north India relish *dosa* and *sambhar* easily, they don't think of north versus south. When those from the south have *aloo poori*, there is no tension and no obstruction. Everyone should make an attempt to learn languages other than your mother tongue."

The PM spoke at length about how students could cope with exam-related stress, and how parents and teachers could help.

Kashmir's pashmina shawls get new-age French touch

Peerzada Ashiq
SRINAGAR

Kashmir's famed pashmina shawls, known for centuries for their intricate *buta* or paisley patterns, got a French touch this week. Artist Maximilien Pellet turned the fabric into a canvas for contemporary art forms at a Parisian exhibition, in a rare bid to cater to Western sensibilities.

Mujtaba Qadri, owner of the label Me&K, introduced the pashmina shawls with modern art during the *Maison & Objet* exhibition held in Paris between January 19-23. "Pashmina – or cashmere as it's called in the West – is a fabric loved and respected the world over. That said, very few people are aware of the role Kashmir played in this legacy. Instead of restricting its usage and aesthetics within small elite circles, I wanted to give pashmina a more global flavour, infusing modernity and minimalism through the artist's signature," he told *The Hindu*.

The transformation, where the shawls were adorned with abstract paintings rather than embroidery, has re-introduced the fabric with new-age aesthetics. "The effort was one of a kind, taking art into utility and beyond," said Mr. Qadri, whose shawls evoked curiosity among fashion aficionados and locals.

The French artist Mr. Pellet described the art fusion with the Kashmir industry as an "honour" for his designs.

"I am more and more interested in the variation of my work with different techniques and different supports in order to break the border between art and design. When I have the opportunity to work in collaboration with quality craftsmen, it is an honour for my designs," Mr. Pellet told *The Hindu*.

Mr. Pellet has been tracking the craft industry of Kashmir. "I was able to understand all the different stages of the work done by hand. It represents a real fascination. I have the impression that it is another relationship to time," he said.

Fusion art: Shawls with French artist Maxmilien Pellet's artwork in the Maison & Objet exhibition in Paris. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

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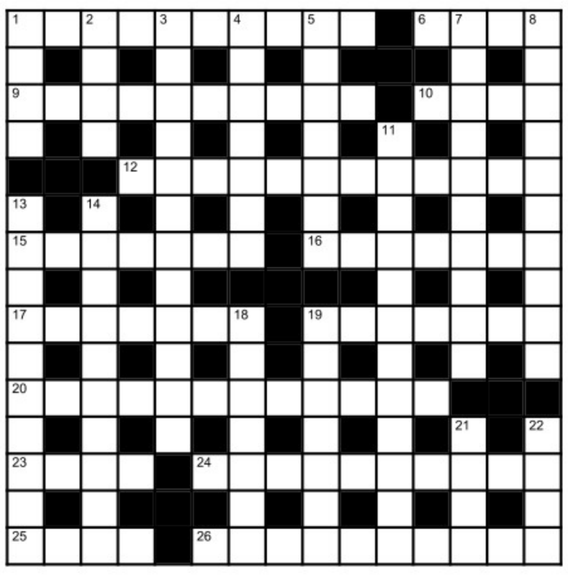

Across

1 Chaotic Union surprisingly spied on deceased individual (6-4)
6 Man was struggling at first and travelled through water (4)
9 River pass set for storage (10)
10 Meaningless chatter on boy's computer reviewed (4)
12 Chinese premier's wallowing in fake cheap glory - that's literally a job! (12)
15 One's set to travel overseas? (7)
16 Bigwig wearing green cloaked in recycled pink (7)
17 Wife's anger starting to thin-out - Dad returned device (7)
19 River barge's stern has ropes and logs (7)
20 Servile rogue - one with a temptress' starting to drown in double gin cocktail (12)
23 Turn to replace offensive toy that's boring (4)
24 Massive province invites upper class landowner to drive out internal rabble-rousing leaders (10)
25 Group does regularly become unpleasant (4)
26 Check vehicle while driving through essentially icy road - that may get you some points... (6,4)

Down

1 Upset.. is not loud in fun party (4)
2 Childless partners' issue (4)
3 Civil condition replacing abuse finally at Gulf (12)
4 Considering setter's in poverty, put up a thousand? (7)
5 Fool from Washington went to sleep at pier - lost head (7)
7 Wife and personal assistant grasped everything - gym, even brass and house decorations (10)
8 Religious person's a saint - a short hymn has been composed (10)
11 Extraordinary coach sends one out on track to embrace goal (12)
13 Red wine if drunk with a little vermouth can make things look clearer? (10)
14 Engineer hauled around lake was wet (10)
18 Artist seen in spa in terminal (7)
19 Moved staff around gallery (7)
21 Blue queen enters organization to quit drinking (4)
22 Details prepared for study (4)

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

Sacred Hastigiri

To break free from the *samsaric* cycle and to attain *moksha*, we need to surrender at the feet of Lord Narayana, who has innumerable auspicious qualities, including *saulabhya* and *sauseelya*. These two qualities make it possible for us to approach Him without fear and to seek His proximity, said Kazhiyur B. Devarajan in a discourse.

The Upanishads, when speaking of the Supreme One, do not describe Him, and instead say "*neti*, *neti*". *Neti* (na+iti), meaning "not this", simply means that the Upanishad is saying what Brahman is not. It does not say what He is, but says what He is not. That He is superlative is obvious, but a further definition is not to be found. In this sense, Hastigiri, the abode of Lord Varadaraja, deserves praise, for it shows us that the Lord who resides on this hill (*giri*) is the Supreme One. Vedanta says you cannot see Him, but Peyazhvar saw Him and recorded his experience too. Likewise, the hill known as Hastigiri in Kanchi makes it possible for us to claim that we have seen the Supreme One, for Lord Varadaraja is the Supreme One. Kooratazhvan in his Varadaraja *stava*, therefore, pays his respects to Hastigiri. There may be unfortunate people who have a wrong perception about Brahman. Kooratazhvan refers to them as *kudrushtis*. If such *kudrushtis*, who had wrong interpretations regarding the Supreme One, feast their eyes on Lord Varadaraja of Hastigiri, their doubts will vanish.

It is not easy to comprehend the Supreme One. Studying the Vedas and seeking to interpret them using *nyaya* texts is difficult. Not many can do this. But Hastigiri helps us see the Supreme One, without going through any such difficult processes of study and analysis.

THE HAGUE

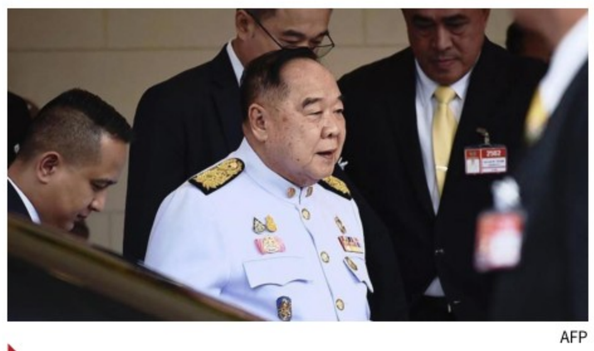
Syria to blame for 2018 chlorine attack in Douma, says watchdog

AP

The global chemical weapons watchdog blamed Syria on Friday for a 2018 chlorine attack that killed 43 people. Investigators said there were "reasonable grounds to believe" that at least one Syrian air force helicopter had dropped two cylinders of the toxic gas on the rebel-held town of Douma during Syria's civil war. AFP

BANGKOK

Thai ruling party names Deputy PM as main election candidate



AFP

Thailand's ruling party on Friday named Deputy Prime Minister Prawit Wongsuwan as its candidate to be premier in the kingdom's upcoming general election. The Army-backed Palang Pracharath Party gave the 77-year-old former Army chief the nod although no polling date has yet been announced. AFP

SUVA

Fiji suspends national police chief, a close aide of ex-Prime Minister

Fiji suspended its police chief Sitiveni Qiliho "effective immediately" on Friday, shunting aside an ally of the former Prime Minister Frank Bainimarama who was defeated in general elections last month. Mr. Bainimarama had ruled the Pacific nation since 2006. Juki Fong Chew (pictured above) is the new acting police commissioner. AFP

TOKYO

Japan to drop mask guidance, relax COVID-19 rules from May

AFP

Japan's government will drop its recommendation to wear masks indoors and downgrade its medical classification for COVID-19, Prime Minister Fumio Kishida said on Friday. The changes, effective from early May, will classify the disease on the same level as the flu, down from its current status on par with tuberculosis and SARS. AFP

West Bank on the edge after Israeli raids, rocket attacks

Israel says it would stop airstrikes if Palestinian militants halted rocket attacks; fighting broke out after an Israeli operation in a Jenin refugee camp killed nine, including a 61-year-old woman

Associated Press
JERUSALEM

Warning strike: Fire and smoke rising above buildings in Gaza City as Israel launched air strikes on Friday. AFP

Israel's Defence Minister signalled on Friday that the military would stop its air strikes if Palestinian militant groups halted rocket attacks, a day after the deadliest Israeli raid in decades raised the prospect of a major flare-up in fighting.

The limited exchange of fire between Gaza militants and the Israeli armed forces has so far followed a familiar pattern that allows both sides to respond without leading to a major escalation. Defence Minister Yoav Gallant's instruction to the military to prepare for new strikes in the Gaza Strip "if necessary" also appeared to leave open the possibility that the violence would subside.

Relative calm

Midday prayers at Jerusalem's Al-Aqsa Mosque compound, often a catalyst for clashes between Palestinians and Israeli police, passed in relative calm, despite a heavy police presence. Still, residents of the holy city and the occupied West Bank remained on edge.

The bombardments followed an Israeli raid in the flashpoint Jenin refugee camp that turned into a gun battle, which killed at least nine people, including seven militants and a 61-year-old woman.

The raid also sparked clashes elsewhere during which Israeli forces killed a 22-year-old in al-Ram, a Palestinian town north of Jerusalem. At the funeral in al-Ram, crowds of Palestinians carried the young man's body aloft and waved the flags of both Fatah, the party that controls the Palestinian Authority, and militant Hamas, which rules Gaza.

The escalation in the decades-long Israeli-Palestinian conflict created an early test for Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's new far-right government, which came to office as tensions with the Palestinians soared and has vowed to take a hard line.

Deep concern

The raid also prompted the Palestinian Authority to halt security coordination with Israel and drew "deep concern" from the State Department just days before U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken was expected to visit the region.

So far, both the Palestinian rockets and Israeli air strikes seemed limited so as to prevent escalation into a full-blown war.

Palestinian militants fired rockets from Gaza toward the south of Israel. Israel retaliated with non-lethal air strikes on militant targets in Gaza, such as training camps and an underground rocket manufacturing site.

Zelensky says 'indifference kills along with hatred'

Agence France-Presse
KYIV

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky marked Holocaust Remembrance Day on Friday by urging the world to unite against "indifference" and "hatred," nearly one year into Russia's invasion of his country.

"Today, as always, Ukraine honours the memory of millions of victims of the Holocaust. We know and remember that indifference kills along with hatred," Mr. Zelensky said in a video statement.

Mr. Zelensky, who is of Jewish descent and from the pre-dominantly Russian-speaking south of the country, did not refer directly to Russia's invasion in his address.

Putin blasts 'neo-Nazis' on Holocaust memorial day

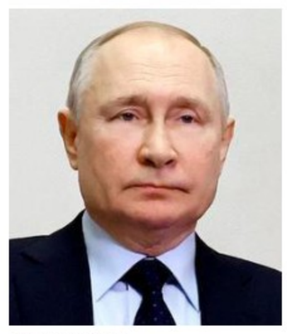
Agence France-Presse
MOSCOW

Russian President Vladimir Putin on Friday repeated a claim that neo-Nazis were committing crimes in Ukraine – an allegation Moscow has used to justify its military intervention – as the world marked Holocaust Remembrance Day.

"Forgetting the lessons of history leads to the repetition of terrible tragedies," Mr. Putin said.

"This is evidenced by the crimes against civilians, ethnic cleansing and punitive actions organised by neo-Nazis in Ukraine. It is against that evil that our soldiers are bravely fighting," he said in a statement.

Supporters of Mr. Putin's military operation allege Ukraine's treatment of Russian speakers in the country is comparable with the actions of Nazi Germany.



Vladimir Putin

Major goal

One of the goals of the operation was the "de-Nazification" of Ukriane, Mr. Putin said, when he announced nearly one year ago he had ordered Russian troops towards Kyiv.

The claims have been contested by the Ukrainian government and the country's Jewish community.

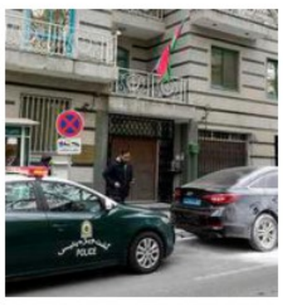
The Soviet Union's victory over Hitler's Army – long a symbol of patriotic pride for Russians – has taken centre stage since the beginning of the military intervention.

Mr. Putin said that "attempts to revise the contributions of our country to the Great Victory [against Hitler] actually equate to justifying the crimes of Nazism and open the way for the revival of its deadly ideology".

Friday is the 78th anniversary of the liberation of the Auschwitz-Birkenau death camp built by Nazi Germany in occupied Poland – a date that has become Holocaust Remembrance Day.

Baku blames Iran after embassy attack

Agence France-Presse
BAKU



The building of the Azerbaijan Embassy in Tehran, Iran. AP

Azerbaijan on Friday said it was evacuating staff from its embassy in Tehran, blaming Iran for a "terrorist" attack in which the head of security was killed and two guards wounded. Tehran's police chief said the man who carried out the attack was motivated by "personal" reasons.

"All responsibility for the attack lies with Iran," Azerbaijani Foreign Ministry spokesperson Ayxan Hacizada said. He said a recent anti-Azerbaijani campaign in Iranian media had "encouraged the attack."

The attacker has been arrested and is an Iranian man married to an Azerbaijani woman, Tehran's police chief General Hossein Rahimi said.

Tough new election criteria in Myanmar

Reuters

Parties intending to compete must have at least 1,00,000 members, up from earlier 1,000

Myanmar's ruling junta on Friday announced tough requirements for parties to contest an election this year, including a huge increase in their membership, a move that could sideline the military's opponents and cement its grip on politics.

Myanmar's top generals led a coup in February 2021 after five years of tense power-sharing under a quasi-civilian political system. The country has been in chaos since the putsch, with a resistance movement fighting the military. The military has pledged to hold an election in August this year. An announcement in Friday's state media said parties intending to compete nationally must have at least 1,00,000 members, up from 1,000 previously, and commit to running in the election in the next 60 days or be de-registered as a party.

Home Minister to quit after SC says he's not a Nepalese citizen

Kallol Bhattacherjee
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court of Nepal on Friday declared that the Home Minister of Nepal Rabi Lamichhane is not a Nepalese citizen. Following the verdict from a Constitutional Bench of the Court, Mr. Lamichhane – whose Rashtriya Swatantra Party emerged as the kingmaker in the November 2022 election – is expected to lose his seat in Parliament.

"Mr. Lamichhaney will have to resign from the post of the Home Minister as well as the post of Deputy Prime Minister, " said his lawyer Raman Karna on the phone from Kathmandu.

Mr. Lamichhaney had been under the shadow of controversy over his alleged American citizenship.

KARNATAKA NEERAVARI NIGAM LIMITED
(A Government of Karnataka Enterprise)
Office of the Executive Engineer,
KNNL, Dandavathi Reservoir Project Division,
Shikaripura .Ph:08187-222206

Short Term Tender Notification-56/2022-23 Date: 24-01-2023(Call-2)
Ref: Tender Notification- 45/2022-23 Date: 11-01-2023
(E-Procurement System only)

Short term percentage tender are invited as per K.T.P.P Act- 2000 on behalf of Managing Director KNNL Bangalore from eligible contractors in standard K/W Bid document. Contractors has registered in PWD Department such as KPWD Class-III & Above The tenders are required to submit tenders only through E- procurement portal of Govt of Karnataka **(http:// www.eproc .karnataka.gov.in).**
Construction of Samudhaya bhavana in various villages of Shikaripura Taluk, Shivamoga District for 10 Work of Amount put to tender Rs. 99.88 lakhs to Rs.39.54 lakhs and EMD Rs. 2.00 lakhs to Rs.0.79 lakhs. 1) Date of downloading & submission of tender (through e- procurement) will be on **25-01-2023 to 03-02-2023 up to 5.00 PM** 2) Last date and time for tender queries will be on **02-02-2023 up to 5.00 PM** 3) Opening of technical/Financial bid will be **on 04-02- 2023 @ 5.15 PM** 4) Financial bid will be opened after approval of technical bid.
For more details visit website from date-25-01-2023 at (http://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in). OR undersigned in all working days during office hours

DIPR/SMG/No.177-01 zenkar/2022-23
Sd/- Executive Engineer,
KNNL, DRP Division, Shikaripura

Public Works Department,
Office of the Executive Engineer,
No.1, Buildings Division, S.J.P. Campus,
Bengaluru. Ph:080-22255210.
No. EE/Bld.1/AE4/53/2022-23 Date: 23.01.2023

INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT) 2nd Call

The above Department invites Tenders through e-procurement portal of GoK **(http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in)** from eligible Tenderers for the works mentioned below. The Tenderers are advised to note the minimum qualification criteria specified in Clause 3 of the Instructions to Tenderers to qualify for award of the contract. (Standard Tender Document-KW 2)
Name of the Work: **Consultancy services for the proposed Renovation of existing building and construction of additional rooms at KAS officer's research and training institute, Bengaluru. KPWD/2022-23/KAS/Architect & MEP/01/Call-2.** Cost of Tender (Rs.in lakhs): **As in e-portal.** Tender must be submitted online through e-procurement portal **on or before** hours on **07.02.2023** and the opening of tenders will be as per the e-Procurement portal guidelines. Other details can be seen in the tender documents.
DIPR/DD-C.P/4362/MCA/2022-23 **Sd/- Executive Engineer**

SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPEYEE MEDICAL COLLEGE & RESEARCH INSTITUTE, BENGALURU
(AN AUTONOMOUS INSTITUTE OF GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA)
Shivajinagar, Bengaluru – 560 001. Phone: +91-8431186388
Email: sabvmcri@gmail.com
No: SABVMCRI/E-Tender/D&C/12/2022-23 Date: 27.01.2023

TENDER NOTIFICATION

Shri. Atal Bihari Vajpayee Medical College and Research Institute invites eligible interested Organizations through sealed e-tenders as per KTPP Act 1999 and Rules 2000. work for **DRUGS, ACCOSSORIES & OTHER MATERIALS TO SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJAPYEE MEDICAL COLLEGE & RESEARCH INSTITUTE ATTACHED HOSPITALS SHIVAJINAGAR, BENGALURU-560001.**

Tender Form, EMD details and Conditions can be viewed on this website at **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** Tenders can be submitted and tender processing fee of Rs.5,000/- (Non-Refundable) should be obtained and submitted the DD in the Name of **Director cum Dean, Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee Medical College & Research Institute, Shivajinagar, Bangalore** and the receipt thereof shall be enclosed with this tender. Interested tenderers should register on e-procurement portal. Further details for registration can be seen on the website, contact e-mail: **sabvmcri@gmail.com** & Phone No: **+91-8431186388.**

Time Schedule for the Tender: (1) Date of Commencement of Download of Tender Document from e-Procurement website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** from: **30.01.2023** (2) Last Date of Queries: **01.02.2023 up to 04:00 PM** (3) Last Date and Time for uploading of e-Tender in e-Procurement portal: **06.02.2023 up to 04.00 PM** (4) Date of Submission of Sample: **06.02.2023 From 02:00 PM TO 04:00 PM** (Place: The Director Cum Dean, Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee Medical College & research Institute, Bengaluru, **Without Samples items will not be considered).** (5) Date & Time of Online Opening of Technical Bids: **08.02.2023 at 10.30 AM.** (6) Date of Opening Price Bid**: 10.02.2023 at 11:30 AM or any further date to be notified.**

Address for Communication: **Shri Atal Bhihari Vajpayee Medical College and Research Institute, Shivajinagar, Bengaluru-560001.**

Sd/-
DIRECTOR CUM DEAN
Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee Medical College and Research Institute, Bengaluru

DIPR/CP/AAA/4357/AAA/2022-23

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER & BASIN MANAGER,
SUBARNAREKHA & BUDHABALANGA BASIN,
AT/PO:- LAXMIPOSI, DIST:-MAYURBHANJ
Mail Id: cebmsbb2019@gmail.com
Government of Odisha "e" PROCUREMENT NOTICE
Bid Identification No.- 23 /22-23 of CEBM, SBB, Laxmiposi

i.	Name of Work	:	a) Bank protection work on left bank of river Budhabalanga near village Kanchanpal. b) Bank Protection work to the right and left bank of river Sono near village Kukudagadi, Kusunpur (Sundhal), Sudsudia, Gadasahi, Mahuldiha (College Side), Mahuldiha (Bridge Side), Kaptipada (Dasara Padia) and Janakpur under kaptipada block.
ii.	Estimated Cost (Lakh)	:	a) Rs.562.07 Lakh b) Rs.686.46 Lakh
iii.	Bid Security / EMD	:	For a) Rs.5,62,100/- & For b) Rs.6,86,500/-
iv.	Period of Completion	:	11 (Eleven) Calendar Months
v.	Date & Time of availability of bid document in the portal	:	31.01.2023 at 10.00 A.M.
vi.	Last date / time for receipt of bid in the portal	:	15.02.2023 up to 5.00 PM.
vii.	Name & Address of the O.I.T.	:	Chief Engineer & Basin Manager, O/o the CE&BM, Subarnarekha & Budhabalanga Basin, Laxmiposi, Mayurbhanj

Further details can be seen from the e-Procurement Portal **"https://tendersodisha.gov.in"** .
Chief Engineer & Basin Manager,
Subarnarekha & Budhabalanga Basin, Laxmiposi
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No: EE/PRED/BGK/PB-1/Vivek/Tender/2022-23/5081 Date: 25/01/2022

SHORT TENDER NOTIFICATION (Two Cover System)
(KW-3 Bid Document)

Tender Called for the Work in the above notification through E-mode tendering is read as below.
Item rate Tender under two cover bid system is invited as per the Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement ACT 1999 and Rules 2000 STANDARD BID DOCUMENT KW-4 through Public electronic Tendering System (E-Tender from Class-1 contractor (Civil) registered in KPWD, Who have got adequate financial resources, State of Technology, Suitable Construction equipments technical man Power & Sufficient past Experience for the following Work as per Schedule Given Below.
Tender Called for 2022-23 ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ ಬಾಗಲಕೋಟೆ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಯ ಮುಧೋಳ ವಿಧಾನಸಭಾ ಕ್ಷೇತ್ರಕ್ಕೆ ಮಂಜೂರಾದ ರೂ.7.00 ಕೋಟಿ ವಿಶೇಷ ಅನುದಾನದಡಿ ಆಯ್ಕೆಯಾದ ಶಾಲೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿನ ಭೋದನಾ ಕೊಠಡಿಗಳ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣದ ಅನುದಾನ ಅಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಆಯ್ಕೆಯಾದ ಮುಧೋಳ ವಿಧಾನಸಭಾ ಮತಕ್ಷೇತ್ರದ ಕ್ಷೇತ್ರ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯ ಮುಧೋಳ ತಾಲೂಕಿನ ಅಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಆಯ್ಕೆಯಾದ ಶಾಲಾ ಕೊಠಡಿ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ
Scheme Under Work Indent No: 99672, 99674, 99673, 99675, 99677, 99678 read as below.

Calendar of Events

1	Request of blank Tender Documents and receipt of Completed Technical & Financial Bid through e-procurement	Dt:27.01.2023 to 09.02.2023 at 5.30pm
2	Opening of Technical Bid Date	Dt:13.02.2023 at 11.00am
3	Opening of Financial Bid Date	Technical Bid Approved.

Note:-More details can be obtained through website http://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in or contact the below signed Office during the office hours. Phone no: 08354-235042

DIPR/BGK/RO-NO-820/KSMCA/2022-23
SD/-Executive Engineer,
P.R.E. Division, Bagalkot

INBRIEF

Tata Motors to raise prices of passenger vehicles from Feb. 1

Tata Motors said it will raise the prices of internal combustion engine-powered passenger vehicles by 1.2% on a weighted average basis from February 1. The firm has been absorbing a significant portion of the increased costs on account of regulatory changes and a rise in overall input costs, and is hence, passing on some portion through this hike, the firm said. The company sells various models such as Nexon and Harrier in the domestic market. PTI

Star Health, PNB renew corporate agency tie-up

Star Health and Allied Insurance said it has renewed its corporate agency tie-up with Punjab National Bank (PNB) for a long-term period. Under the agreement, Star Health's health insurance products will be available through the bank's 10,000 branches in India. "With this strategic tie-up, we endeavour to expand our reach to offer quality health insurance products and services to PNB's customers," said Biju Menon, Joint ED of the insurer.

Sundaram Home Finance to raise FD rates from February 1

Sundaram Home Finance Ltd. has revised upwards interest rates on fixed deposits (FDs) for tenures ranging from one to three years, with effect from February 1. It was the fifth upward revision during the fiscal, said the company. "Depositors have reacted positively to the over 2% upward revision in FD interest rate this year with gross mobilisations having crossed ₹350 crore," said MD Lakshminarayanan Duraiswamy.

SEBI said to raise scrutiny of Adani Group transactions

Regulator has raised level of monitoring of group's deals over the past year, according to two sources; to study Hindenburg Research report adding to its ongoing preliminary investigation

Reuters

India's market regulator has increased scrutiny of deals by the Adani Group over the past year and will study a report by short-seller Hindenburg Research to add to its own ongoing initial investigation into the group's foreign portfolio investors, as per two sources aware of the matter.

On Wednesday, the U.S. firm said it held short positions in the Indian group, accusing it of improper use of offshore tax havens and flagging concerns about high debt, leading to a massive sell-off of India-listed shares of the conglomerate's companies.

Under the lens: In Adani's acquisition of Ambuja Cements and ACC, SEBI examined the offshore SPV used for the deal. REUTERS

"SEBI has been increasingly examining all the transactions that Adani Group has been undertaking in the listed space," said the first of the two sources, who declined to be identified as the matter is confidential. SEBI has been increasingly asking for disclosures that it ordinarily does not.

Adani earlier this week dismissed the Hindenburg report as baseless. SEBI spokespersons did not offer any comments saying they do not discuss ongoing investigations.

In Adani's acquisition of Holcim's stake in Ambuja Cements and ACC, SEBI examined the offshore special purpose vehicle used for the deal, the first source said.

Current account deficit manageable: RBI Governor

Reuters
MUMBAI

India's current account deficit is "eminently manageable" and within the parameters of viability, Reserve Bank of India Governor Shaktikanta Das said at an event on Friday.

India's average current account deficit stood at 3.3% of GDP for the first six months of 2022-23.

The net balance under services and remittances remains in a large surplus, partly offsetting the trade deficit, Mr. Das said at a conference in Dubai, according to a copy of the speech released by the central bank.

Shaktikanta Das

He added that slowing global demand was weighing on merchandise exports, though the country's exports of services and remittances remained strong. While the global environment has turned hostile and uncertain, the Indian economy remains resilient, said Mr. Das, pointing to a strong financial system in the country and deleveraged corporate balance sheets.

Headline retail inflation has cooled in the past couple of months, but broadly remains high, having hovered at the upper end of the central bank's tolerance band of 2%-6% for the better part of the year.

"Core inflation, however, remains sticky and elevated," he said.

Adani FPO subscribed 1% on opening day of offer

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

A follow-on share sale of Adani group's flagship firm was subscribed just 1% on the opening day as shares plunged after a scathing report by a U.S. short seller.

Against an offer of 4.55 crore shares of Adani Enterprises Ltd., only 4.7 lakh were subscribed, according to BSE data. Adani Enterprises is selling shares in the ₹3,112-₹3,276 band. On Friday, its shares closed at ₹2,762.15 on the BSE.

Indian banks' exposure to Adani Group is limited, say CLSA, Jefferies

Press Trust of India
MUMBAI

Indian banks' exposure to the Adani Group is within manageable limits, said brokerage houses CLSA and Jefferies, as the group fends off an attack from well-known short-seller Hindenburg Research.

The U.S. short-seller said it held short positions in the Indian conglomerate, accusing it of improper use of offshore tax havens and flagging concerns about high debt that eroded $11 billion in investor wealth on Wednesday.

"We don't see material risk arising to the Indian banking sector," brokerage firm Jefferies said in a note dated January 26.

The group's debt accounts for 0.5% of total loans across the Indian banking sector, it said. For public sector banks, the debt is at 0.7% of total loans and for private banks, it is at 0.3%. "Our recent conversation with industry participants also indicated... cash-flows and repayment timelines... have been conservatively planned," Jefferies said.

Brokerage CLSA estimated consolidated debt of five firms – Adani Enterprises, Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone, Adani Power, Adani Green Energy and Adani Transmission – at ₹2.1 trillion.

Indian banks have exposure to less than 40% of total group debt, the brokerage said.

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	FRIDAY	% CHANGE
Sensex	59,331	-1.45
US Dollar	81.52	0.11
Gold	56,842	-0.23
Brent oil	86.92	----

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	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Enter	2761.45	-627.50
Adani Ports	596.95	-116.20
Apollo Hosp	4244.15	19.80
Asian Paints	2722.65	-52.35
Axis Bank	873.75	-18.60
Bajaj Auto	3936.75	219.35
Bajaj Finserv	1314.20	-0.15
Bajaj Finance	5760.70	-35.20
Bharti Airtel	774.50	-2.00
BPCL	336.55	-10.20
Britannia Ind	4380.40	-7.75
Cipla	1047.25	12.00
Coal India	222.40	-3.75
Divis Lab	3387.45	51.75
Dr Reddys Lab	4314.00	113.05
Eicher Motors	3169.75	-44.10
Grasim Ind	1578.45	-15.30
HCL Tech	1115.60	-7.15
HDFC	2661.50	-49.10
HDFC Bank	1615.80	-32.85
HDFC Life	587.70	2.65
Hero MotoCorp	2736.15	-48.85
Hindalco	479.00	-10.10
Hind Unilever	2612.15	-10.20
ICICI Bank	817.20	-38.10
IndusInd Bank	1116.40	-39.75
Infosys	1519.15	-23.85
ITC	346.00	6.75
JSW Steel	721.35	-3.30
Kotak Bank	1713.10	-36.70
L&T	2159.85	-14.85
M&M	1320.20	8.70
Maruti Suzuki	8737.50	-46.60
NestleIndia	19216.35	-19.15
NTPC	166.30	0.40
ONGC	147.65	-4.80
PowerGrid Corp	219.25	-0.15
Reliance Ind	2337.35	-45.20
SBI Life	1250.25	-7.20
State Bank	539.95	-28.75
Sun Pharma	1043.40	3.35
TataConsumerProduct	735.25	-4.80
Tata Motors	445.60	26.55
Tata Steel	120.65	-0.35
TCS	3411.05	-18.70
Tech Mahindra	1030.10	-21.05
Titan	2331.25	-25.35
UltraTech Cement	6715.60	10.50
UPL	744.70	6.75
Wipro	398.05	-3.50

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on January 27

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	81.39	81.71
Euro	88.44	88.79
British Pound	100.10	100.49
Japanese Yen (100)	62.57	62.81
Chinese Yuan	12.00	12.05
Swiss Franc	88.22	88.57
Singapore Dollar	61.80	62.06
Canadian Dollar	60.82	61.09
Malaysian Ringitt	19.09	19.19
Australian Dollar	57.69	57.92

Source:Indian Bank

Banks moving to cash recycling: Hitachi unit

Mini Tejaswi
BENGALURU

Banks globally are moving towards a cash recycling mode by combining ATM and cash depositing machines into one, said Hitachi Terminal Solutions India, a subsidiary of Hitachi Channel Solutions, a global player in cash recycling machines (CRMs).

"Our estimate indicates banks globally have the capacity to install more than 1.1 million cash recycling machines by 2024," said Yoshihiro Nakatani, MD, Hitachi Terminal Solutions. To cash in on this market opportunity, Hitachi opened a facility on the outskirts of Bengaluru that can manufacture 3,000 machines a month.

"India has about 2,54,000 ATMs as per the RBI and all these ATMs can potentially become CRMs in a phased manner," said Rustom Irani, MD, Hitachi Payment Services.

Govt. said to peg FY24 borrowing under ₹16 tn

Reuters
NEW DELHI

The Centre is likely to keep gross market borrowing below ₹16 trillion for FY24 as it does not want to destabilise the bond market with negative surprises, two sources said.

Market feedback "is that a borrowing of ₹15.5-16 trillion can be absorbed well," said an official. The second said consensus was that borrowing should be consistent with the market's expectation. The Centre has so far raised ₹12.93 trillion up to January 27.

AI's return to Tata sees daily revenue double in first year

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Air India marked the first anniversary of its return to the Tata fold with the airline announcing a significant improvement in operational parameters including a doubling in daily average revenue and the carrier disclosing that it was set to finalise a "historic" order of new aircraft to power future growth.

According to recent media reports, AI is said to be exploring an order that includes a mix of Boeing and Airbus single- and double-aisle planes.

Sharing data on the improvement in operational parameters since January 27, 2022, when the government handed over the ownership and management of the airline, AI said it had doubled the average daily revenue by raising aircraft capacity by 27% to 100, increasing flights by 30% and flying 72% more passengers.

AI, which aims to be a leading global airline in the next five years, has also focussed on its international expansion and added 16 new routes, and increased frequencies on as many as nine other routes.

This had allowed it to increase weekly international flights by 63%.

With CEO Campbell Wilson overseeing on-time performance (OTP), AI was able to clock the industry's best OTP in October with 90.98% of flights taking off or departing on time.

The average for the airline in 2021 was 70%.

TII unit buys balance stake in e-tractor firm

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

Murugappa group firm TI Clean Mobility Pvt. Ltd. (TICMPL) executed a share purchase agreement with the founders of Cellestial E-Mobility Pvt. Ltd. to acquire the balance 30.04% stake for a cash consideration of ₹50.90 crore.

Tube lnvestments of lndia Ltd. (TII) said in a filing its wholly owned subsidiary TICMPL was pursuing the vision of consolidating its holding in the clean mobility space.

Cellestial is a start-up engaged in design and development of electric tractors, aviation ground support electric equipment andelectric machinery. In January 2022, TII purchased 70% stake in Cellestial for ₹161 crore.

"This acquisition will help TICMPL to consolidate its holding in the electric tractors business," said M.A.M. Arunachalam, chairman, TICMPL.

Sport

Lakshya loses in Indonesia Masters quarters

Press Trust of India
JAKARTA

Lakshya Sen's impressive run in the Indonesia Masters Super 500 badminton tournament ended with a quarterfinal loss to Asian Games champion Jonatan Christie here on Friday.

World No. 12 Sen squandered an opening-game advantage to lose 15-21, 21-10, 21-13 to home favourite Christie, ranked third.

Later in the day, new women's doubles pair of Tanisha Crasto and Ashwini Ponnappa lost 21-13, 21-18 to Japan's Yuki Fukushima and Sayaka Hirota in the quarter-finals.

Sohil Shah and Ritesh Rai set the pace with scorching runs in qualifying rounds

MOTORSPORTS

Sports Bureau
CHENNAI

Sohil Shah and Ritesh Rai grabbed pole position in the MRF Formula 2000 and Volkswagen Polo Cup categories, respectively, on the opening day of the fourth and final round of the MRF MMSC FMSCI Indian National Car Racing Championship 2022 at the Madras International Circuit, here on Friday.

The 21-year old Shah set a best time of one minute, 31.668 seconds to qualify ahead of championship leader Sai Sanjay (01:32.095) and Divy Nandan (01:32.246).

Speedy run: Sohil Shah, who took the MRF F2000 category pole in action during qualifying. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Meanwhile, 40-year-old racer, Ritesh Rai, who is placed eighth in the championship, put in a hot lap of 01:56.000 to earn himself the pole in the VW Polo Cup.

Qualifying in second was Pratik Sonawane (01:56.419), who heads the points table.

Thumbs-up for circuit

Meanwhile, the Madras International Cricut got a big thumbs-up from former three-time British Touring Cars champion Matt Neal, who was invited to witness the final round.

Neal labelled the track as unique and rated it seven on a scale of 10. He drove a few laps in the Volkswagen Virtus of the Indian Touring Cars category.

"The track has a very fast corner at turn one, a few mid-speed corners and some tight sections like the 'S' leading up to the bridge. The track is very technical and challenging," said Neal.

The results (Qualifying — top 3): MRF F2000: 1. Sohil Shah (1:31.668); 2. Sai Sanjay (1:32.095); 3. Divy Nandan (1:32.246). **Volkswagen Polo Cup:** 1. Ritesh Rai (1:56.000); 2. Pratik Sonawane (1:56.419); 3. Raaj Bakhru (1:56.605).

Tseng Chun-Hsin gets top billing at Chennai Open ATP Challenger

TENNIS

Sports Bureau
CHENNAI

The 21-year-old Tseng Chun-Hsin from Taipei, ranked World No. 115 will be the top seed at the Chennai Open ATP Challenger 100 to be hosted by the Tamil Nadu Tennis Association between February 12 and 19 at the SDAT Tennis Stadium, Chennai.

According to the current status, Indian players Prajnesh Gunneswaran and Mukund Sasikumar are in the qualifying draw while Ramkumar Ramanthan is the first alternate.

The main draw consists of 32 players (23 direct acceptances, three wildcards and six qualifiers). Qualifying consists of 24 players with four wild cards.

The prize money for the event is $130,000 (₹1.06 crore).

The winner will receive 100 ATP ranking points and $17,650 (₹14.47 lakh) and the runner-up will get 60 ATP points and $10,380 (₹8.5 lakh).

The Chennai event is the first of a series of ATP Challenger 100 events in India with subsequent events at Bengaluru and Pune.

LIVE TELECAST

NBA: Sports 18-1, MTV (SD & HD) & Jio Cinema App, 8.30 a.m.

BWF Indonesia Masters: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Jio Cinema App, 9.30 a.m.

Hockey World Cup: SS Select 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 11.30 a.m., 2, 4.30 & 7 p.m.

Australian Open: Sony Sports Ten 2, 3, 5 (SD & HD) & LIV, 2 p.m.

I-League: Eurosport (SD & HD), 2 p.m.

ISL: Star Sports 1 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 5.30 & 7.30 p.m.

LaLiga: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Jio Cinema App, 6.30, 8.45, 11 p.m. & 1.30 a.m. (Sunday)

Serie A: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Jio Cinema App, 7.30, 10.30 p.m. & 1.15 a.m. (Sunday)

Bundesliga: Sony Sports Ten 2 (SD & HD) & LIV, 8 & 11 p.m.

Women's T20I tri-series: Star Sports 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 10.30 p.m.

Formula 3: Diriyah GP, SS Select 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 10.30 p.m.

THE BIG CLASH

Sabalenka and Rybakina promise power-packed women's final

Belarusian fifth seed Aryna Sabalenka, right, meets Kazakh Elena Rybakina, seeded 22, in Saturday's Australian Open final in Melbourne. Sabalenka, seeking a maiden Grand Slam crown, has beaten Wimbledon champion Rybakina in all three previous meetings between two of the biggest hitters in women's tennis.

OUT OF ACTION

Nadal confirms six-to-eight weeks of absence owing to injury

Rafael Nadal confirmed in a tweet on Thursday he would miss the next six to eight weeks with the hip flexor injury he sustained at the Australian Open. "The treatments needed have been established and in three weeks they will carry out new tests to see how it is evolving," added the 36-year-old Spaniard.

IN THE GROOVE

Van der Dussen's century trumps Roy's as South Africa goes 1-0 up

Rassie van der Dussen's 111 eclipsed Jason Roy's 113 as South Africa beat England by 27 runs in Friday's first ODI in Bloemfontein. **The scores:** South Africa 298/7 in 50 overs (Rassie van der Dussen 111, David Miller 53) bt England 271 in 44.2 overs (Jason Roy 113, Dawid Malan 59, Anrich Nortje 4/62).

MASTER ON BOARD

Lara takes up new role as WI's 'performance mentor'

Former West Indies batting star and captain Brian Lara has agreed to be 'performance mentor' for the WI teams and academy. Lara's role would be to work alongside Director of Cricket Jimmy Adams on strategy and planning for major tournaments and support various head coaches in providing players with tactical advice.

Germany pips Australia in seven-goal thriller

Peillat drags the Germans back into the contest after the team trails 0-2 at half-time; Belgium shoots out Netherlands, moves into second successive final

HOCKEY WORLD CUP

Uthra Ganesan
BHUBANESWAR

Germany avenged its Tokyo Olympics defeat and advanced to its fifth World Cup final, the first since 2010, with a last-gasp 4-3 win even as Australia's wait to equal Pakistan's four world titles continued.

The Germans, seeking their third world title, will be up against defending champion Belgium, which was stretched to a shootout by Netherlands after the teams were tied 2-2 at the end of regulation time.

Better team

The Germans were the better team right through the game even though it was Australia that went 2-0 up at half-time, scoring a goal apiece in the first two quarters through Jeremy Hayward's penalty corner conversion and Nathan Ephraums' timely deflection.

Germany also had three penalty corners cancelled after Aussie referrals and a stroke in the third quarter, and still had 13 penalty corners, an indication of its dominance and the shaky Australian defence.

Germany had a lot more possession but lack of final connection and wayward flicking let the team down in the first half. But it stayed patient and repeatedly built up from the flanks, converging inside the circle, only to miss out.

Drag-flicker Gonzalo Peillat, under the scanner for being ineffective so far, picked the perfect game to find his form, scoring a hat-trick and often seen high up inside the Australian circle to assist with scoring. It was his final pass from the backline that saw Wellen get the winner, setting up an all-European final. Belgian goalkeeper Vincent Vanasch, a three-time consecutive FIH Goalkeeper of the Year, denied Thijs van Dam and Terrance Pieters while Seve van Ass missed even as Belgium converted three of its four attempts at the other end to deservedly move into the title clash after the teams were tied 2-2 at the end of regulation time.

Peillat power: The German roared at the right time, performing a hat-trick. K.R. DEEPAK

Four years ago, Vanasch had been the hero in the final against the Dutch and it was no different this time around. The Belgians, though, should have finished the game early. They were the better side all through but failed to find a way past Dutch goalkeeeper Pirmin Blaak.

For the first two quarters, it was more about possession and percentages and the teams split honours for 30 minutes.

Belgium came out much more attacking and determined post break in the third quarter, muscling the ball through the field but a turnover in the 35th minute saw the Dutch earning back-to-back penalty corners and Janssen got them ahead again.

The Red Sticks practically parked themselves in the Dutch half and finally got the equaliser in the 45th minute, Nicolas de Kerpel making no mistake in slotting the ball home.

A penalty stroke in the 51st minute could have sealed the win for Belgium but saw Blaak stand tall, denying Boon.

The results (semifinals): Germany 4 (Peillat 43, 52, 59, Wellen 60) bt Australia 3 (Hayward 12, Ephremus 27, Govers 58); Netherlands 2 (Janssen 12 & 36) drew with Belgium 2 (Boon 27, de Kerpel 45), Belgium won 3-2 in shootout.

Pride to play for as India takes on South Africa

Aashin Prasad
ROURKELA

India managed to tick a lot of the right boxes in the 8-0 thrashing of Japan a couple of nights ago. Now with a chance to seal the ninth place, India will take on South Africa here at the Birsa Munda International Stadium on Saturday.

India has defeated South Africa in its last three meetings since 2022. India won the first two matches with an identical scoreline of 10-2 in the Pro League but in the Commonwealth Games semifinal, South Africa ran Reid's side close in a 2-3 defeat.

South Africa coach Cheslyn Gie said his team is relishing the prospect of challenging the hosts in their backyard.

Djokovic dismantles Paul, surges into 10th final; takes on Khachanov-conqueror Tsitsipas

The day in numbers

20 Novak Djokovic is the third man in the Open era to drop 20 or fewer games combined in the round of 16, quarterfinal and semifinal while advancing to the Australian Open final after Ivan Lendl in 1990 (20) and Andre Agassi in 2003 (16)

24 Stefanos Tsitsipas (24 years) is the youngest male player to reach the final at the Australian Open since Djokovic and Andy Murray who faced each other in 2011

27 Djokovic now has the longest men's singles main draw winning streak at Melbourne Park in the Open era (27 matches since 2019)

33 Djokovic pulled level with Serena Williams in second place on the all-time list for most Grand Slam singles finals reached and just one behind Chris Evert (34)

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AUSTRALIAN OPEN

Agence France-Presse
MELBOURNE

A rampant Novak Djokovic surged into a 10th Australian Open final on Friday to close in on a record-equalling 22nd Grand Slam crown, with only Stefanos Tsitsipas now standing in his way.

The Serbian fourth seed overcame an early wobble to romp past unseeded American Tommy Paul 7-5, 6-1, 6-2 on Rod Laver Arena in style.

Another title on Sunday will move him alongside Rafael Nadal with 22 Slam wins and see the 35-year-old return to World No. 1 for the first time since last June.

Greek third seed Tsitsipas, who ground past Russian 18th seed Karen Khachanov 7-6(2), 6-4, 6-7(6), 6-3 in the other semifinal, can also become the top-ranked player should he lift the trophy.

Djokovic played the clash without father Srdjan courtside after he was filmed posing with a man holding a Russian flag featuring Vladimir Putin's face following his son's quarterfinal win on Wednesday.

The incident sparked a backlash from Ukraine and led to calls for Djokovic's father to be banned from the tournament. Srdjan issued a statement ahead of the semifinal saying he would stay away, insisting he "wishes only for peace" and never wanted to cause "disruption".

The win extended Djokovic's unbeaten streak at the Australian Open to 27 matches to claim sole ownership of the Open-era record at Melbourne Park ahead of Andre Agassi.

Tsitsipas battled into his first Australian final and only second at a Grand Slam. In the previous one, at Roland Garros in 2021, he fell to Djokovic in five sets after holding a 2-0 lead.

At 24, Tsitsipas is the youngest man to reach the Melbourne final since a 23-year-old Djokovic in 2011.

The results:
Men: Semifinals: 4-Djokovic (Srb) bt Paul (USA) 7-5, 6-1, 6-2; 3-Tsitsipas (Gre) bt 18-Khachanov 7-6(2), 6-4, 6-7(6), 6-3.

Sania finishes runner-up in her final Grand Slam

Emotional moment: Sania stands courtside one last time at a Grand Slam on Friday, with first-ever mixed doubles partner Bopanna. AP

Press Trust of India
MELBOURNE

Indian tennis star Sania Mirza capped her glorious Grand Slam career with a runner-up finish alongside 'best friend' Rohan Bopanna in the Australian Open mixed doubles on Friday.

The unseeded Indian duo went down 6-7(2), 2-6 to Brazilian pair of Luisa Stefani and Rafael Mataos in the final at the Rod Laver Arena.

"If I cry, these are happy tears. That's just a disclaimer. I'm still going to play a couple more tournaments but the journey of my professional career started in Melbourne," an emotional Sania said.

"I couldn't think of a better person – my best friend and one of my best partners (Rohan) – to finish my career with," Sania said.

The 36-year-old Sania, who earlier announced that the WTA event in Dubai next month would be her swansong, is India's most accomplished woman tennis player, having won six Grand Slam titles, including three mixed doubles trophies.

She won the the mixed doubles titles at the 2009 Australian Open and the 2012 French Open with Mahesh Bhupathi and the 2014 US Open with Brazilian Bruno Soares.

> Rohan was my first-ever mixed doubles partner when I was 14 and we won the Nationals... it was 22 years ago
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> It started in 2005 when I played Serena Williams in the third round as an 18-year-old and that was, scarily enough, 18 years ago
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> **SANIA**

"Rod Laver Arena has really been special in my life and I coudn't think of a better arena to finish my Grand Slam career at," Sania said.

The presence of her son Izhaan, family and friends made the occasion sweeter.

"I never thought I'd be able to play in front of my child in a Grand Slam final, so it's truly special for me, to have my four-year-old here and my parents here, and Rohan's wife, my trainers, my family in Australia who made me fell like at home away from home."

Conway, Mitchell and spinners deliver for NZ

NZ IN INDIA

Ashwin Achal
RANCHI

New Zealand adapted well to the spin-friendly conditions at the JSCA International Stadium Complex to notch up a 21-run win over India in the first T20I here on Friday.

The pitch, which offered turn and spongy bounce, made it hard for batters to time their strokes. In this context, New Zealand exceeded expectations by posting 176 for six batting first. Spinners Michael Bracewell (2/31) and Mitchell Santner (2/11) then took over to dismantle the chase.

India's hopes rested on Suryakumar Yadav, who looked at ease in his 34-ball 47. Suryakumar's dismissal in the 12th over, scalped by leg-spinner Ish Sodhi, put India in a deep hole. When captain Hardik Pandya fell a few deliveries later, the writing was on the wall. Washington Sundar (50, 28b, 5x4, 3x6) struck a few big shots, but it was too little too late.

The damage was done early, when top-order batters Shubman Gill (7), Ishan Kishan (4) and Rahul Tripathi (0) were sent back cheaply. Skipper and left-arm spinner Santner was most impressive, even bowling a maiden inside the PowerPlay.

After being put in to bat, New Zealand reached a good total on the back of enterprising knocks from Daryl Mitchell (59 n.o., 30b, 3x4, 5x6), Devon Conway (52, 35b, 7x4, 1x6) and Finn Allen (35, 23b, 4x4, 2x6). Pacers Hardik Pandya and Arshdeep Singh took the new ball, but failed to hit the right areas.

The introduction of Washington Sundar into the attack showed that spin ruled the roost. The offie, who kept an immaculate good length, coaxed Allen to mishit a sweep to Suryakumar at deep mid-wicket. In the same over, Washington foxed Mark Chapman with three flat skidders, before a flighted ball sent the batter to his doom.

Turning it around: Mitchell's pyrotechnics took New Zealand to what proved a match-winning total. AFP

Conway kept ticking, going on one knee to sweep the spinners. The southpaw departed in the 18th over, skying Arshdeep Singh to long-off. Arshdeep conceded 27 in the final over.

The first three deliveries, which included a no-ball, were smacked for sixes by Mitchell. The Kiwi's late flurry took the wind out of India's sails.

SCOREBOARD

NEW ZEALAND
Finn Allen c Suryakumar b Washington 35 *(23b, 4x4, 2x6)*, Devon Conway c Hooda b Arshdeep 52 *(35b, 7x4, 1x6)*, Mark Chapman c & b Washington 0 *(4b)*, Glenn Phillips c Suryakumar b Kuldeep 17 *(22b, 1x4)*, Daryl Mitchell (not out) 59 *(30b, 3x4, 5x6)*, Michael Bracewell run out 1 *(2b)*, Mitchell Santner c Tripathi b Mavi 7 *(5b, 1x4)*, Ish Sodhi (not out) 0 *(0b)*; Extras (lb-1, w-3, nb-1): 5; Total (for six wkts. in 20 overs): 176.

FALL OF WICKETS
1-43 (Allen, 4.2 overs), 2-43 (Chapman, 4.6), 3-103 (Phillips, 12.5), 4-139 (Conway, 17.2), 5-140 (Bracewell, 17.5), 6-149 (Santner, 18.6).

INDIA BOWLING
Hardik 3-0-33-0, Arshdeep 4-0-51-1, Washington 4-0-22-2, Hooda 2-0-14-0, Umran 1-0-16-0, Kuldeep 4-0-20-1, Mavi 2-0-19-1.

INDIA
Shubman Gill c Allen b Santner 7 *(6b, 1x4)*, Ishan Kishan b Bracewell 4 *(5b, 1x4)*, Rahul Tripathi c Conway b Duffy 0 *(6b)*, Suryakumar Yadav c Allen b Sodhi 47 *(34b, 6x4, 2x6)*, Hardik Pandya c & b Bracewell 21 *(20b, 1x4, 1x6)*, Washington Sundar c Duffy b Ferguson 50 *(28b, 5x4, 3x6)*, Deepak Hooda st. Conway b Santner 10 *(10b, 1x6)*, Shivam Mavi run out 2 *(3b)*, Kuldeep Yadav c Conway b Ferguson 0 *(1b)*, Arshdeep Singh (not out) 0 *(6b)*, Umran Malik (not out) 4 *(1b, 1x4)*; Extras (w-10): 10; Total (for nine wkts. in 20 overs): 155.

FALL OF WICKETS
1-10 (Kishan, 1.3), 2-11 (Tripathi, 2.4), 3-15 (Gill, 3.1), 4-83 (Suryakumar, 11.4), 5-89 (Hardik, 12.2), 6-111 (Hooda, 15.4), 7-115 (Mavi, 16.1), 8-127 (Kuldeep, 17.1), 9-151 (Washington, 19.5).

NEW ZEALAND BOWLING
Duffy 3-0-27-1, Bracewell 4-0-31-2, Santner 4-1-11-2, Ferguson 4-1-33-2, Sodhi 3-0-30-1, Tickner 2-0-23-0.

Toss: India.
Player-of-the-Match: Mitchell.

Second T20I: January 29, Lucknow, 7 p.m.

Neither BFC nor CFC can afford a defeat

With the battle to make the playoffs getting tighter, both teams will be keen to pick up points and put pressure on the likes of Odisha which sits just above them in the table

ISL-9

N. Sudarshan
BENGALURU

To not slip out of contention for a playoff spot will be high on the minds of Bengaluru FC and Chennaiyin FC when they meet in an early kick-off at the Sree Kanteerava Stadium on Saturday.

BFC (19 points) and CFC (17) are seventh and eighth in the table respectively, but with the former having played a match more (15 to 14) and with Odisha FC occupying the last playoff position on 22 points, neither side can afford a defeat.

On form, BFC looks better placed to avoid that fate. It has won its last three games, scoring eight times and conceding just twice. The strike partnership between Roy Krishna and N. Sivasakthi is blossoming, with both players among the goals in recent ties. "We're going into this game with a lot of belief because we've scored three goals and got a clean sheet in the last fixture," said BFC coach Simon Grayson, on Friday. "The aim is to play with confidence, not arrogance, because we're respectful of what Chennaiyin FC can pose."

Good omen: Roy Krishna's strike partnership with Sivasakthi has blossomed for BFC. ISL/FOCUS SPORTS

In the recent past CFC has been far from fiery. It is winless in its last five games. Abdenasser El Khayati (seven goals and four assists) is on the comeback trail after missing the last four matches. Much will depend on Petar Sliskovic, CFC's top-scorer with eight goals. "I showed the players our match plan and it's up to us – how we implement it," said CFC coach Thomas Brdaric. "For 90 minutes, we have to show very good concentration, good pressing, and not let them simply play in the last zone."

RANJI TROPHY SCORES

Elite (round seven, final day):
Group-A: At Kolkata: Odisha 265 & 112/3 in 22.2 overs bt Bengal 100 & 276 in 79 overs (Abhimanyu Easwaran 101, Manoj Tiwary 52, Sunil Roul 6/96); **Points: Odisha 6 (14), Bengal 0 (32).**

At Rohtak: Haryana 233 & 168/7 decl. in 42.5 overs (Yuvraj Singh 77 n.o., Mayank Mishra 4/44) vs. Uttarakhand 269 in 75.4 overs (Avneesh Sudha 62, Kunal Chandela 49, Nishant Sindhu 4/57) & 61/5 in 23 overs; **Haryana 1 (13), Uttarakhand 3 (29).**

At Nadaun: Himachal Pradesh (HP) 92/2 in 26 overs vs. Uttar Pradesh (UP); **HP 1 (21), UP 1 (13).**

Final standings (Read as Played, Won, Lost, Drawn, Points, and Bonus Points): Bengal 7-4-1-2-32-2; Uttarakhand 7-3-0-4-29-1; Himachal Pradesh 7-2-1-4-21-1; Baroda 7-2-1-4-21-1; Odisha 7-1-2-4-14-0; Uttar Pradesh 7-1-2-4-13-1; Haryana 7-1-2-4-13-1; Nagaland 7-0-5-2-2-0.

Group-B: At Mumbai: Maharashtra 384 & 252 in 83.5 overs (Azim Kazim 75, Saurabh Nawale 47, Shams Mulani 4/81) vs. Mumbai 384 & 195/6 in 27.3 overs (Divyaansh Saxena 62); **Maharashtra 1 (26), Mumbai 1 (24).**

At Hyderabad: Hyderabad 355 & 124 in 37.4 overs (Harshit Rana 7/45) lost to Delhi 433 & 47/1 in 8.4 overs; **Delhi 6 (17), Hyderabad 0 (1).**

At Chennai: Tamil Nadu (TN) 324 & 133 bt Saurashtra 192 & 206 in 68.2 overs (Harvik Desai 101, Arpit Vasavada 45, Ajith Ram 6/54); **TN 6 (21), Saurashtra 0 (26).**

Final standings: Saurashtra 7-3-2-2-26-2; Andhra 7-4-2-1-26-1; Maharashtra 7-3-0-4-26-0; Mumbai 7-3-2-2-24-2; Tamil Nadu 7-2-1-4-21-1; Delhi 7-2-2-3-17-0; Assam 7-1-3-3-11-0; Hyderabad 7-0-6-1-1-0.

Group-C: At Raipur: Chhattisgarh 531/9 decl. & 52/2 in 5.5 overs bt Goa 359 & 223 in 86 overs (Ishaan Gadekar 59); **Chhattisgarh 6 (19), Goa 0 (18).**

At Puducherry: Pondicherry 371 & 279/5 in 74.3 overs (Jay Pande 102 n.o., Paras Dogra 55, Krishna Pandey 94) vs. Kerala 286; **Pondicherry 3 (9), Kerala 1 (21).**

At Jodhpur: Services 178 & 276 bt Rajasthan 136 & 135 in 47.4 overs (Poonam Poonia 5/36, Pulkit Narang 5/22); **Services 6 (13), Rajasthan 0 (20).**

Final standings: Karnataka 7-4-0-3-35-2; Jharkhand 7-3-2-2-23-1; Kerala 7-3-1-3-21-0; Rajasthan 7-2-2-3-20-1; Chhattisgarh 7-3-4-0-19-1; Goa 7-2-2-3-18-1; Services 7-2-4-1-13-0; Pondicherry 7-1-5-1-9-0.

Group-D: At Indore: Tripura 362 vs. Madhya Pradesh (MP) 331 in 114.1 overs (Yash Dubey 64, Harsh Gawli 47, Kumar Kartikeya 61, Rana Dutta 5/82); **Tripura 3 (11), MP 1 (33).**

At Mohali: Vidarbha 273/6 decl. in 86 overs (Atharva Taide 112 n.o., Akshay Wadkar 71) vs. Punjab; **Vidarbha 1 (20), Punjab 1 (27).**

At Chandigarh: Chandigarh 18 for no loss in 6 overs vs. Jammu & Kashmir (J&K); **Chandigarh 1 (7), J&K 1 (8).**

Final standings: Madhya Pradesh 7-5-1-1-33-2; Punjab 7-3-0-4-27-1; Railways 7-3-2-2-22-2; Vidarbha 7-3-2-2-20-0; Gujarat 7-2-4-1-14-1; Tripura 7-0-2-5-11-0; Jammu & Kashmir 7-1-4-2-8-0; Chandigarh 7-0-2-5-7-0.

At Patna: Plate (final, day three): Bihar 532 & 156/6 in 48 overs (Sachin Kumar 84 batting, L. Kishan Singha 5/34) vs. Manipur 337 in 94.3 overs (Pheiroijam Jotin 68, Nawaz Khan 5/82).

Quarterfinals (from Jan. 31): **At Kolkata:** Bengal vs. Jharkhand; **At Rajkot:** Saurashtra vs. Punjab; **At Bengaluru:** Karnataka vs. Uttarakhand; **At Indore:** Madhya Pradesh vs. Andhra.

BENGALURU ROUND-UP

Gagan Sai slams triple ton for Giridhanva School

K. Gagan Sai smashed a triple century (344) as Giridhanva School beat Florence PS by a mammoth 534 runs in the BTR Shield under-14 (Group I) second division tournament.

The scores:

Giridhanva School 603/5 in 50 overs (M. Shivu 36, K. Gagan Sai 344, Rohit Sai Ketireddi 95 n.o.) bt Florence PS 69 in 16.4 overs (M. Shivu 5/15, Satvik Mahendra 3/21).

Inventure Academy 118 in 35.4 overs (Hem Kamlesh Kalariya 4/28) bt BGS International Residential School 93 in 36.5 overs (Utkarsh S. Kailash 4/9).

Vidyashilp Academy 238 in 48.1 overs (Krish Rao 32, Ahan Kaushik 87, Khush Kothari 44, Preet R. Jain 3/50) bt Carmel HS, Basaveshwarnagar 141 in 41.2 overs (Daniel James 30, C. Nithin 32, Pradyumn Vivek Pachisia 3/20, Paarth Madan 4/27).

School Of India 268 in 45.5 overs (Jaival Sachinkumar Jani 48, R.G. Deekshith Gowda 41, Ayaan Muhammad 72, D. Manish Pawar 3/40) bt Triveni Memorial Educational Trust 41 in 22.1 overs (N. Siddhant 5/5).

Bethany HS 283 in 44 overs (Vrrisan Jaiswal 110, Milan Kalesh Vijaykumar 33, Swarup Jayannthilal Jain 3/60) bt Jain International Residential School 116 in 30 overs (Swarup Jayannthilal Jain 25, Samarth Patil 3/34).

Venus IS 72 in 20.1 overs (V. Abhinav Kaushik 3/10) lost to Clarence PS 75/3 in 7.4 overs (Srijesh Parthiban 35 n.o.).

Kensri School 172 in 34.4 overs (S. Shashank 59, P. Navadeep 27, A. Rishik 4/35) bt Little Flower PS 164 in 33.5 overs (A. Rishik 100, Ahuan Yusuf Mular 3/53, P. Navadeep 3/21).

St. Joseph's Indian HS 364 in 45.4 overs (M. Sanjay 66, P. Chiranth 65, Pratham Shankar 90, H.D. Prajwal Gowda 47 n.o., R. Preetham 4/63) bt KLE Society's School 46 in 16 overs (B.A. Kushal Kumar 5/3).

Sri Kumaran Children's Academy 205 in 44.2 overs (Prateek Raj Harapanahalli 65, Aashrit Ram Inapakuthika 42, M. Udbhav Krishna 4/37, R. Sherwin 3/34) bt Baldwin BHS 165 in 35 overs (Chandan Harish 73, R. Sherwin 25, Himanshu Saini 25 n.o., Prathyush G. Shetty 6/22).

Triumphant: The Jain University team that won the AIIU women's badminton. *Right:* K. Gagan Sai (Giridhanva School, 344).

Hat-trick by Nandakumar

D. Nandakumar scored a hat-trick as Postal Dept FC convincingly beat Md. Sporting FC 5-1 in the BDFA B-division league football here on Friday.

The results: Postal Dept FC 5 (S. Dhanush 5, 62, D. Nandakumar 17, 65, 70+1) bt Md. Sporting FC 1 (Samarth Bandekar 55); Vehicle FC 4 (S. Lathesh 4, 6, R. Hrithick Roshan 36, Surya Prakash 61) bt Roots FS 0.

Jain University claims title

Jain University defeated University of Delhi 2-0 to win the AIIU University women's badminton tournament.

The results: Jain University bt University of Delhi 2-0 (Tanya Hemanth bt Deepshikha Singh 22-20, 21-18; Drithi and Trisha bt Kavya & Kushi 21-18, 15-21, 21-11).

India beats NZ by eight wickets, enters final

U-19 WOMEN'S WC

Press Trust of India
POTCHEFSTROOM

Opener Shweta Sherawat smashed an unbeaten fifty after Parshavi Chopra's triple strike as India notched up an eight-wicket win over New Zealand and stormed into the final of the inaugural Under-19 Women's T20 World Cup here on Friday.

India restricted New Zealand to 107 for nine with Parshavi (three for 20) leading a disciplined bowling effort after skipper Shafali Verma elected to bowl. The 16-year-old legspinner broke the backbone of the Kiwi batting line-up with three successive wickets to leave them at 74 for five in the 13th over.

Parshavi was adjudged the Player-of-the-Match.

The scores: New Zealand 107/9 in 20 overs (Georgia Plimmer 35, Isabella Gaze 26; Parshavi Chopra 3/20) lost to India 110/2 in 14.2 overs (Shweta Sherawat 61; Anna Browning 2/18).

SNAPSHOTS

MCFC keeps winning

Mumbai City FC extended its unbeaten streak in the Indian Super League (ISL) to a record-breaking 16 games after an extraordinary 2-1 comeback victory over Jamshedpur FC in Jamshedpur on Friday.

Karnataka beats Nagaland

Rameshwari Gayakwad (4/13) starred as Karnataka beat Nagaland by 111 runs in the BCCI Senior Women's One Day Trophy in Mumbai.

The scores: Karnataka 186/9 in 48.5 overs (Vrinda Dinesh 30, Divya Gnanananda 31, Veda Krishnamurthy 30, Pushpa Kiresur 25, Gautami Naik 3/35) bt Nagaland 75 in 31 overs (K.P. Navgire 25, Rameshwari Gayakwad 4/13).

UP, Tamil Nadu are champions

BASKETBALL

Sports Bureau

Uttar Pradesh (UP) and Tamil Nadu (TN) emerged the boys' and girls' champions respectively at the 72nd Junior National Basketball Championships in Bengaluru on Friday.

While UP rode on Kushal Singh's 31 points to beat Rajasthan 82-61, Tamil Nadu, propelled by A. Nitika's 25 points and K. Sathya's 23, thrashed Chhattisgarh 101-32.

The results (finals):

Boys: Uttar Pradesh 82 (Kushal Singh 31, Harsh Dagar 18, Aman Kaushik 10) bt Rajasthan 61 (Ayush Choudhary 22, Rahul 14, Mohit 12).

Triumphant: Tamil Nadu girls emerged victorious. K. MURALI KUMAR

Girls: Tamil Nadu 101 (A. Nitika 25, K. Sathya 23, R. Deepthi 16, Sadhana Verona 15) bt Chhattisgarh 32.

Third place:

Boys: Tamil Nadu 78 (S. Praglathan 29, V. Sharan 16, B. Subin Vel 13) bt Punjab 64 (Harmonjot Singh 15, Sahibhijit Singh 13, Jashandeep Singh 10).

Girls: Punjab 90 (Manmeet Kaur 28, Kanveer Kaur 23, Komalpreet Kaur 14, Nasar Kaur Dhill 13) bt Maharashtra 55 (Aanya Bavsar 17, Anisha Gaurav 12, Bhumika Sarje 11).